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FOREIGN NEWS.

THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

England.

CAPTAIN WEBB SWIMS ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

LONDON, August 25.—Captain Webb has exceeded in his second attempt in swimming from Dover to Calais, without float life-saving apparatus. A dispatch from Calais says the Captain arrived at eleven o'clock this morning in good health and spirits, although fatigued. The passage from Dover occupied twenty-one hours and forty minutes.

[Herald Cable.]

LONDON, August 25.—Capt. Webb started yesterday on his swim across the channel, the rate of twenty strokes to the minute. The weather was calm. At 5:30 he lunched ale and beef tea, and at eight o'clock on tea and beef. He then rested, floating on his back. At nine o'clock he was doubled with floating seaweed. At eleven o'clock codliver oil was given to him. The moon rose at one in the morning, when he indulged in brandy and tea and at this time Webb declared the accomplishment of the feat a sure thing. At three he took coffee. Then the tide turned, running northward, and the Captain appeared exhausted. His trainer stripped ready to render assistance, but Webb doughtily declined his services. His strokes at this time were at the rate of twenty per minute. The fear arose that the northward tide would drift him past Cape of Calais Sands, and as the sequel proved he had four miles further to swim. Daylight broke at 4 o'clock, finding him drowsy, when he indulged in coffee and brandy. At 5:30 Webb's buoys were sighted and their position located. At seven there was a westerly breeze and a chopping sea, retarding their influences, and it was only indomitable pluck that insured success. A skiff was kept on the weather side, Webb swimming slowly. From this time on he endured in brandy straight every twenty minutes. Soundings were taken at eight o'clock and ten fathoms reported. Steamers now made appearance from Calais and steamed along the weather side of the swimmer, breaking the sea. Cheers rang out incessantly, giving fresh hope to the gallant swimmer, who laid a direct course for Calais Sands, westward of the pier. At 6:30 he was in shallow water, and at 10:40 to-day, incredible to relate, the brave Matthew Webb stood on land. He was tired, but soon recovered and was conveyed to a hotel in a carriage, where he was rubbed down and put to bed, and at one o'clock, when our correspondent sailed on his return to Dover, tranquilly slept. The doctors have no fears of serious consequences. Captain Webb, naked, beats Paul Boyton about two hours. In London the wildest enthusiasm prevailed. It is pronounced by the press the greatest physical feat of the century.

HIGH PRICE OF MEAT—AN ASSOCIATION FORMED TO IMPORT CATTLE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, August 25.—A meeting was held to-day to discuss the causes of the high price of meat. A resolution was adopted protesting against the restrictions on the importation of foreign cattle, and a association was formed to secure a supply of live cattle from the United States to meet the wants of the English market.

Spain.

THE SITUATION AT SEO DE URGEL.

PARIS, August 25.—*La Venement* says Gen. Lizzaraga, the Carlist Commandant at Seo de Urgel, proposed to surrender that fortress if the garrison and the Bishop of Seo de Urgel were allowed to depart freely. The Government rejected the proposition and granted Lizzaraga twenty-four hours to consider his demand for an unconditional surrender.

Marine News.

LONDON, August 25.—The steamship The Queen, from New York ——, is out out.

European Markets.

LONDON, August 25, 5 P. M.—United States bonds quiet but steady. Railroad securities firm. Sugar 25s 6d@25s for No. 12.

PARIS, August 25.—Rentes 66 francs 17½ centimes.

ANTWERP, August 25.—Refined petroleum 25 francs.

LONDON, August 25.—The *Times* says the general depression in business continues here and on the Continent, partly owing to unpropitious conditions of political complication, but in a great measure due to the mere absence of business.

LIVERPOOL, August 25.—Cotton Market hardening, and prices unchanged. Sales of 15,000 bales, including 3,000 for speculation and export and 2,000 American. Flour—Extra State and Western 27s. Wheat—No. 2 to No. 1 spring, 10s 8d@10s 9d; winter red, 10s 10d. Pork—Western 82s 6d; Eastern 90s. Beef 71s 6d. Lard 62s 6d. Bacon—New city cured 55s. Cheese—New 82s. Tallow 43s. Refined petroleum 9½d; spirits 10 9d.

CHEYENNE.

The Indian Investigation Commission Concluding its Labors.

CHEYENNE, August 25.—The Commission for investigating Indian funds is still taking testimony. Few witnesses appear to have personal knowledge of irregularities, but refer to others, who in turn give some one else as their authority. Most of the day was spent in examining beef contracts. It was shown that contractors could make large profits by strict compliance with their contracts, owing to the fact that the cattle lived on Government grass, the only expense being for herding. The Commission will probably conclude its labors to-morrow.

TELEGRAPHIC PERSONALS.

O'Baldwin, the Irish giant, is dying in New York, of lung disease.

Robert H. Johnson, cotton broker, of New York, has suspended.

Cardinal McCloskey leaves Paris to-morrow for Chartres, goes thence to Nantes and returns to Paris before starting for Rome.

Jefferson Davis has accepted the invitation to deliver an address during the progress of the annual meeting of the association.

Samuel Hannaford, of Cincinnati, a member of the firm of Hannaford & Proctor, architects, has been appointed Superintendent of the Chicago Custom House, in place of Mr. Holman, recalled.

A charity patient, calling himself Dr. Thomas J. Monahan, was admitted to the Baltimore Church Home and Infirmary about two weeks ago. The other day an examination of his clothes by the officials discovered over $4,000 sewed up in his vest.

Ex-Gauger Miller, who was shot in Chicago last Friday night, has been heard from at his home in Waterford, Erie county, Pa. His wound is not serious. There seems to be some doubt as to whether he was shot by an assassin hired by the whisky ring, or accidentally, or otherwise.

Rev. R. W. Patterson, D. D., recognized for many years as one of the most distinguished ministers of the Presbyterian Church, and who was recently unanimously elected President of Lake Forest University, states that he will probably accept the position. Prof. J. H. Hewett, of Olivet College, Michigan, has just been elected to a professorship, and the collegiate department of the university will be opened September 22.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Probabilities for To-day.—For New England, the Middle States and the Lower Lake region, clear or fair weather and slowly rising temperature, with light southerly or northeast winds and falling barometer.

Base Ball—At Chicago, Bostons 13, Chicagos 9.

The steamers California and State of Virginia, from Glasgow, have arrived at New York.

The Sub-Treasury at New York will today begin the payment of September interest without rebate.

The canal break five miles west of Schenectady, N. Y., has been repaired, and boats are running as usual.

Advices from Peru to the 7th instant note the suspension of specie payments by the banks, but no trouble resulting therefrom.

A terrific storm occurred at Sioux City, Iowa, Tuesday night, lasting from eight o'clock till near midnight. The damage to crops, bridges, &c., is not yet ascertained, but must be very great.

The highly polished story lately published by the Cincinnati *Times* about the finding of Donaldson by a fishing party in the Ottawa, Canada, near Lake Desquine, is not credited by the inhabitants of the said district. They never even heard of such a lake.

Three Egyptian men-of-war, with a force of troops and mariners aboard, have been dispatched hastily to that portion of the Egyptian coast bordering on Abyssinia, to punish a body of blacks invading Egyptian territory. Four thousand infantry are held in readiness for an emergency at Suez. The Khedive is determined to exact full satisfaction for the infringements on his soil.

Inducements Offered

For cash and to prompt men on flour, groceries and general merchandise, at the Checkered Front.

National Greenback Convention.

A SMALL GATHERING AT DETROIT.

THE INFLATION PLATFORM COMPLETE

DETROIT, August 25.—The Greenback Mass Meeting called by Moses W. Field, is considered a failure. It was expected that at least ten thousand people would be present, and seats were provided for that number of persons in our largest park. But at the hour of organization only some six hundred were present at the Opera House, which can seat nearly three thousand.

W. D. Kelley, of Pennsylvania; Matt. Carpenter, of Wisconsin; Wendell Phillips, of Massachusetts; Senator Gordon, of Georgia; M. H. Hooton, of Illinois, and James Buchanan, of Indiana, were announced as speakers, but of them all, only Kelley and Hooton are in town.

At eleven o'clock Moses W. Field announced the following as the officers of the meeting:

President, Thomas S. Durand, of Washington, D. C; Vice Presidents, D. A. Mahoney, of Iowa; L. T. Wood, of Kentucky; J. W. Jennings, of Texas; W. A. Berkey, of Michigan; John P. Lane, of Pennsylvania; R. J. Wick, of Ohio; James Buchanan, of Indiana; M. H. Hooton, of Illinois; E. H. Olleman, of Indiana; Robert Schilling, of Ohio; T. B. Buchanan, of Indiana; James Cooper, of Michigan; Lysander Woodward, of Michigan; John V. Ruehls, of Michigan; J. Allister Childs, of Michigan; Sidney Myers, of Illinois; B. Gratz Brown, of Missouri; Pliny Freeman, of New York; Peter Cooper, of New York; O. S. Halstead, of New Jersey; William Brindle, of Ohio; F. M. Chamberlain, of Massachusetts; B. L. Guffy, of Kentucky; Noble Smithson, of Tennessee; D. W. Aiken, of South Carolina; Charles Bonsal, of Ohio, and J. T. Gilbert, of Wisconsin.

Several Secretaries were then appointed, after which W. D. Kelley commenced his speech.

The Convention, pursuant to a resolution, convened at the Opera House at two P. M., and was addressed by Messrs. Woods, of Kentucky, and Meyers, of Illinois.

The Committee on Resolutions then reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

THE RESOLUTIONS.

First—That the people owe to the Government, at all times and in all emergencies, a loan of money adequate to its needs, at a rate of interest so low as to be the least possible burden, and to offer the least possible competition to private enterprise.

Second—The Government owes to the people an absolutely safe and uniform currency, adapted to their varying necessities in amount, and of a value not materially different from that of other civilized nations.

Third—That the provision of a currency for the people is an attribute of sovereignty, and we demand that the Government of the United States shall perform this duty in such a manner as to furnish the people an amount of currency adequate to the business requirements of the country, and independent of the action of banks or other private corporations.

Fourth—That we are neither Repudiationists nor Inflationists, but the friends of a safe and sound reliable currency, that we propose to redeem the greenback, and that the United States, at the pleasure of the holders thereof, in bonds of the United States bearing a low rate of interest, convertible at the pleasure of the holder into greenbacks, thus redeeming the original promise of the Government, when it first issued greenbacks, to fund them, when desired, into an interest-paying bond.

Fifth—That we are in favor of the issue of United States certificates, or bonds bearing interest not to exceed 3.65 per cent. per annum, to an amount equal to the whole Government debt, said bonds or certificates being changeable or interchangeable with greenbacks, at par, on demand.

Sixth—That the legal tenders of the country should be endowed with the power to pay all debts, public and private, except that portion of the bonded indebtedness specially made payable in coin.

Seventh—That as the enactment of the last Congress, providing for a resumption of specie payments in 1879, is impracticable and impossible of execution, and is disastrous in its effects upon the business of the country, we demand its immediate and unconditional repeal.

Eighth—That the plan of Government currency proposed by this Convention would, in our opinion, tend to render our Government and people independent, financially, of foreign influences or complications, and not subject hereafter, as heretofore, to the disturbing control or influence of foreign countries.

Ninth—That we recommend the organization of Greenback clubs in every State of the Union, for the purpose of carrying out the principles and measures set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

After the resolutions had been adopted, Mr. Daniels, of Virginia, made a speech and the Convention took a recess until evening.

At the evening session the attendance was somewhat larger than during the day, and perhaps seven hundred persons were present. Messrs. Daniels, of Virginia, Mahony, of Iowa, and Allis, of Wisconsin, made reasonably short speeches; but Mr. Buchanan, of Indiana, being let loose, is still speaking, after an hour and a half of first-class infliction.

CRIMINAL RECORD.

Seizure of Philadelphia Beer Establishments.

PHILADELPHIA, August 25.—The following Weiss beer establishments were seized to-day for failing to enter the correct amount of material purchased upon their Government books and to make proper returns of beer produced; Charles Moss, Trubert, Ortlieb & Co., Mekinney & Kelly, John Solber, Augus Eustenbach, Michael Stifael, Moritz Ruaff, John Schlecht. All have been reported to the United States District Attorney.

The Rogers City Assassination.

DETROIT, August 25.—Intelligence to-day from Rogers City, the scene of the attempted assassination of Monday night, states that Mollitor received seven buckshot through the side and back and was partially paralyzed until to-day. He will recover. Sullivan's case is very doubtful. He was shot through the base of the tongue, severing the windpipe and stomachpipe, fracturing the lower jaw and terribly lacerating the parts. No arrests have yet been made.

Navy Purchasing Clerk at San Francisco Charged With Fraud.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 25.—It is understood that Geo. M. Pinney, a prominent politician of Almeda county and Purchasing Clerk of the United States Navy in this city, is charged with extensive frauds in purchases. It is understood that the charges were forwarded to the Admiral in command at Mare Island last week.

An Alleged Female Bank Robber.

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25.—Two of the party who are supposed to have robbed the Central Bank of this city of five thousand dollars last June, have been discovered to be Mrs. Marianne Warren, of Charlestown, Mass., and E. T. Thomson, *alias* C. H. Stevens. Thompson is now under arrest at New York, and the movements of Mrs. Warren are closely watched.

SPORTING RECORD.

INTERNATIONAL REGATTA AT SARATOGA.

SARATOGA, August 25.—The regatta was renewed to-day, and Courtney, the winner of the champion scull race yesterday, won the single scull race for seniors, two miles, in 13:58⅘.

The second race, for four-oar shells, one and a half miles, was won by the Argonauts in 22⅘.

RACES AT SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., August 25.—At the Hampden Park meeting, the first race, for a purse of $3,000, for the 2:29 class, was won by Bay Adelaide, who took the second, third and fifth heats. Time—2:24, 2:23½, 2:22½, 2:23, 2:23½.

The race for a purse of $4,000, for the 2:20 class, was won by Hopeful in three straight heats. Time—2:28½, 2:24½, 2:20.

In the 2:31 class, the race for a purse of $3,000 was won by Orient in the second, third and fourth heats. Time—2:26¾, 2:25, 2:25½, 2:26¾.

National Agricultural Congress.

CHICAGO, August 25.—The Secretary of the National Agricultural Congress, which will be held at Cincinnati, September 22, 23 and 24, announces that the approaching session will mainly be devoted to addresses and discussions on political economy and its special relations to agriculture, the production and distribution of agricultural products, education, organization, co-operation and legislation for, by, or concerning farmers and agriculture, transportation, finances and taxation as affecting agricultural prosperity. Addresses will be delivered by representative men from the North, South, East and West.

Complimentary Clam-Bake to Colfax.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 25.—The Odd Fellows and Daughters of Rebekkah of Newport gave a complimentary clam-bake to Hon. Schuyler Colfax to-day, when he made a brief address upon the principles and objects of the order.

Failure of the Wheeling Window Glass Company.

WHEELING, August 25.—The Wheeling Window Glass Company of this city failed to-day. They will pay fifty cents on the dollar and close business.

POLITICAL.

State.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY DEMOCRACY.

SUNBURY, PA., August 23.—The Democratic county Convention was held here today, and nominated the following ticket:—Sheriff, George Strine, of Milton; Prothonotary, W. R. F. Weimer, of Sunbury; Treasurer, D. C. Dissinger, of Sunbury, and for County Commissioners, D. S. Reitz and H. Henri, the present incumbents, were renominated. Dissatisfaction is said to exist among the country delegates, who charge that the towns absorb all the offices.

DELEGATES TO THE ERIE CONVENTION.

WILKESBARRE, PA., August 23.—The Democratic Convention of this city to-day elected Hon. H. B. Wright as delegate to the Erie Democratic Convention.

The New York *Herald* thinks it would be a mistake for Hon. William Bigler to desert the Centennial cause for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

George M. Brisbin and Dr. Boyer are canvassing Clearfield county for the Democratic nomination for State Senate. The primary meetings will be held next month.

The Democrats of Perry county, August 23d, put in nomination the following ticket: Register and Recorder—George S. Briner; District Attorney—J. C. McAllister; Treasurer—A. C. Shull; Commissioners—Wm. Brooks, George Campbell; Director of Poor—John Patterson; Auditors—Eleazer Owen, Christian Stouffer.

The Prohibitionists—Assistant Democrats—of Warren county met in convention at Youngsville on Saturday last, and nominated the following ticket: District Attorney—C. C. Thompson; Commissioners—J. H. Houghwot, Henry Baxter; Register and Recorder—W. J. Alexander; Auditors—G. C. James, E. W. Ross.

It is asserted with some degree of positiveness now that Judge Ross, of Norristown, will certainly be the favorite with the Democratic Convention for the Governorship, and that Hon. A. C. Noyes will probably be nominated for Treasurer. It is likely that the Democrats could not select a better man than Ross. He is a pure man, personally, and an excellent judge; so good indeed that it would be a pity to remove him from the bench. As his nomination by the Democrats would not have that effect, but would permit him to continue his dispensations of justice among his neighbors, it is very fitting that he should receive it, with all the honor that can come from the reception of such a compliment from his fellow-citizens.—*Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.*

The following special dispatch from Washington to the Chicago *Times*, is given for what it is worth: A gentleman connected with a Philadelphia newspaper, which is understood to be in the interest of the Philadelphia Railroad and Treasury ring of that State, was in this city to day. In conversation he disclosed a portion of the political secret of the Democracy, which furnishes an entertaining chapter. Senator Wallace has been industriously at work for several weeks in setting up the Erie Convention. One of his games has been to write to prominent Democrats in different sections of the State whose names have been mentioned as candidates for Governorship, urging upon them the policy, to-day, and assuring them that they could have all of his influence. Two or three gentlemen with whom Wallace has been corresponding, were not slow to compare notes. They both discovered that the latter had promised each of them his cordial support for the Gubernatorial nomination. These gentlemen are not as friendly to Wallace as they were before that interview. They were no less persuasive than Dill and Noyes. Senator Wallace has made more promises than he will be able to honor at the Erie Convention.

The Berks county Republican Convention was held on Monday. Resolutions were adopted indorsing the National and State administrations, against third termism, in favor of a protective tariff and a sound national currency. The following ticket was nominated: Prothonotary—Lewis L. Coster; Recorder—E. H. Harner; Register—O. A. Snyder; Clerk of Orphans' Court—George R. Brinley; Clerk of Quarter Sessions—David J. Lincoln; Treasurer—Isaac Shaffner; Director of the Poor—Jacob Seaman; Prison Inspector—Peter L. Hain; Commissioner—William G. Moore; Auditor—Henry Z. Van Reed. Delegates to the National Convention—Dr. Henry A. Griesmer and Samuel Buck; alternates—J. K. Sterrett and Col. L. H. Smith: Representative delegates to the next State Convention—Jacob Snell, Reading; Captain Jacob W. Glase, Reading; C. F. Reifsnyder, Fleetwood; William Taylor, Marion; William H. Clymer, of Muhlenberg, and Henry Wanshur, of Union. The last four were nominated as Senatorial delegates to the next State Convention: Col. George W. Durell, of Reading; I. B. Hanker, of Boyertown; John L. Andy, of Hamburg; Solomon Von Neida, of Womelsdorf; E. H. Harner, of Tulpehocken, and Jacob Knabb, of Reading.

The *Bucks County Intelligencer* says: It begins to look as if Judge Ross might after all become the Democratic candidate for Governor. He will go into the convention with the delegates from Bucks and Montgomery as positive and active supporters, and with a large number from other counties very favorably inclined toward him. He goes into the contest at Erie with the great advantage of being a comparatively young man, who has obtained a good position in the party without any complication with its internal jealousies or administrative errors. More than this, it is now given out that he is the ultimate choice of Senator Wallace, who is agreed on all hands to be the Warwick of the Pennsylvania Democracy. Against the desire of Wallace probably no candidate could succeed, and it would be just as difficult to prevent the nomination of the man whom he might favor. If Judge Ross would prove to be the winning man in the convention Montgomery county—and the borough of Norristown in that—would furnish both the candidates for Governor. The Judge would make a vigorous canvass for the nomination, but it would be just as hopeless as that of any other Democratic aspirant for the same position against Governor Hartranft.

Mr. James Black, of Lancaster, head and front of the Brevet-Democratic-Temperance movement in this State, said in an interview with a reporter of the Philadelphia *Times*, the other day, that he does not expect the Temperance ticket to be successful; that the only point he hopes to make through the nomination of Mr. Browne for Governor is the defeat of Hartranft and the success of the Democratic candidate—*no matter who he may be!* We are glad to see *The Blessing*, of Philadelphia, that takes issue with Mr. Black, and protests against such dishonesty, calling upon the Anti-Temperance party to the Democracy. It addresses itself to Mr. Black in this way:

"Now, if you think that the defeat of Governor Hartranft, without the election of Hon. Robert Audley Browne, which, of course, elects the Democratic candidate, who will be but the mouthpiece of his party, to do their bidding, and they stated as we have above stated, is right, then it is better to vote directly the Democratic ticket.

"If the foregoing (Mr. Black's declaration referred to above) be a true diagnosis of the temperance sentiment, we are entirely at sea as to the calculations we had made, for when we went to Harrisburg and met in the convention that nominated Browne and Pennypacker, we entered into the campaign in good faith, supposing an honest temperance canvass was to be made. We believed then, and do yet, that the candidates they nominated were honest and capable men, worthy of every confidence and trust, and we do not believe that they desire to be the tools that Mr. Black makes them in his interview with the *Times* reporter."

New York.

DELEGATE ELECTIONS TO DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

ALBANY, August 25.—In the counties of Tomkins, Tioga and Broome, Democratic conventions were held to-day to select delegates to the State Convention. In each county strong resolutions were passed wholly sustaining Governor Tilden's reform, and instructing their delegates to vote only for the nomination of men known to be in sympathy with him. These counties are the first to hold conventions, and their action attracts attention.

Louisiana.

THE REPUBLICANS TO REORGANIZE.

NEW ORLEANS, August 25.—The Republican State Central Committee of Louisiana, in session here to-day, agreed to reorganize the party on the basis of the early resumption of specie payments, the continued reduction of taxation, free education, opposition to monopolies, an economical administration and punishment for pillage in public stations and for all assaults upon personal rights.

Mississippi.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

JACKSON, MISS., August 25.—The Republican State Convention assembled at noon. Colored delegates predominate. There was considerable delay over the selection of temporary chairman. A. T. Morgan was finally chosen. Six counties have contesting sets of delegates. A committee was appointed on credentials, but owing to the difficulty of deciding the claims of the contestants, have not reported at seven P. M., and nothing has been done. The delegates seem looking in enthusiasm.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

Another Call of Government Six Per Cents in Prospect.

Dissatisfaction of Investors, who can Find no Better Securities.

What a California Postmaster Knows about Postage.

Senator Morton's Dead-Head Privileges over Western Union Telegraph Lines.

General Crop Reports by the Department of Agriculture.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 25, 1875.

Calling in the Six Per Cents.

It is probable that in the course of a short time the Secretary of the Treasury will make another call of the six per cent. bonds. From inquiries which are constantly being addressed here, it is learned that the calling in of these bonds has been a matter of serious inconvenience to many investors. Many of them write that they find it difficult to obtain securities as satisfactory as these of the Government and paying the same of interest, while the new five per cents are commanding more than the called six per cents will bring.

A California Postmaster

sent twenty-five dollars in nickel currency to Treasurer New to-day, by mail, and put a three cent stamp on the package. The postage due when the nickels reached the Treasury, was nine dollars and forty-five cents, which was deducted from the remittance and the balance returned by check.

Dead-Head Telegraphing.

Some of the papers are making a great ado over the discovery that Senator Morton's dispatches over the Western Union Telegraph lines are dead-headed. The truth is that a great many other members of Congress besides Senator Morton are dead-headed over the Western Union. Almost every prominent official whose influence is considered worth anything and who will accept the tender, carries a pass in his pockets the dead-head stamps of the Western Union. It is probably this dead-head business which will cause the new tariff than is just upon business people and others who pay for their dispatches.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—CROP REPORTS FROM THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

The Department of Agriculture reports the average condition of spring wheat, August 1st, in all the States producing it, except California, as eighty per cent. The extremes are ninety-nine in Wisconsin and Minnesota, and ex-ty-two in Nebraska. The condition of winter wheat is not reported, except statements that vast quantities were swept away or damaged in degrees ranging from "serious injury" to "utter ruin."

Corn—Average condition of all the States, ninety-six. The highest averages reported are: Kansas 109, Tennessee 104, Missouri 104, Mississippi 101, Kentucky and Arkansas 109, Virginia 108, West Virginia 105, Connecticut, Maryland and Nebraska 105, Pennsylvania and North Carolina 103, Kentucky 102, Delaware and Alabama 100, Illinois 99, New York 96, Ohio 91, Iowa 87, Wisconsin 89, Indiana and Minnesota 89, Georgia 83, Texas 85. Other States range from 80 to 85, in South Carolina, and 96, in New Hampshire.

Oats—The average condition of the country is 94. The States above the average are: Mississippi 104, Kansas 103, Kentucky and Wisconsin 111, Vermont 105, Connecticut, New York and California 101, Oregon 103, Michigan 101, Nebraska 108, Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Iowa are the average. Kentucky, Indiana and Nebraska are down to 63. Kansas is 66, South Carolina 76, Illinois 78. Other States range between 83, in Maryland, and 96, in West Virginia, Ohio being 94.

Potatoes promise an extraordinary crop, the average condition for all the States, exclusive of Nevada, being about 104.

Tobacco—The injury to tobacco is less than feared. Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and Mississippi report the condition considerably above average, West Virginia about average, Tennessee about one per cent. and Kentucky seven per cent. higher.

A WEEKLY LIST

of United States patents issued to the inventors of Pennsylvania and Ohio for the week ending August 26, 1875 (patents dated August 10, 1875). Reported by telegraph expressly for the COMMERCIAL by A. H. Evans & Co., Patent Solicitors, May Building, Washington, D. C.:

PENNSYLVANIA.

M. Blakey, Etna—Welding and finishing pipe.
J. Rieppel, Renovo—Steam whistle.
A. Parker, Wyoming—Pump burner.
J. Comby, Philadelphia—Stone crusher.
E. J. Dashbach, Pittsburgh—Carburetor.
M. J. Hughes, Philadelphia—Wooden soled boot and shoe.
J. Hagerty, Corry—Slate frame.
G. J. Jude, Matamoras—Trunk.
J. M. Martin, Willett—Car coupling.
J. Morrison, Philadelphia—Rotary machine.
T. Shaw, Philadelphia—Exhaust nozzle.
J. Singer, Harrisburg—Car coupling.
H. Wetzel, Newville—Sewing machine plate.
G. A. Beidler, Philadelphia—Lamp.
M. M. Straus, Philadelphia—Dyes.
M. E. Campbell, Girard—Wrench.
M. A. Fruhauf, Girard—Condensing mechanism for cooling purposes.
C. M. Gearing, Pittsburgh—Carburetting apparatus.
C. M. Gearing, Pittsburgh—Gas apparatus.
G. Gill and F. V. Belsel, Allegheny—Railroad switch.
B. W. James, Philadelphia—Clasp for holding currency.
J. Lewis and J. B. Clark, Philadelphia—Electric train telegraph.
J. Lewis, Philadelphia—Permanent way for railroad.
E. S. Osburn, New Castle—Torpedo for oil wells.
A. J. R. Philips, Philadelphia—Ice creeper.
G. Schoennut, Philadelphia—Reed organ attachment.
T. Swan, Philadelphia—Candle stick.
W. P. Walter, Philadelphia—Cornice tool.
J. Wolf, Philadelphia—Oscillating engine.
Reissue—B. Hershey, Erie—Machine for welding chain links.
Trade Mark.—H. Milligan, Philadelphia—Trade mark.

OHIO.

T. Clark, Akron—Weather strip.
T. Richards, Cleveland—Life preserving jacket.
E. D. Richardson, Chardon—Clothes line reel
G. C. Dolph and F. J. Smith, West Andover—Cheese press.
L. A. Greeley, Elmira—Saw setting machine.
P. F. Jonte, Cincinnati—Gas burner.
A. W. Mundy, Akron and J. A. Knepper, Delta—Washing machine.
D. & D. F. Born, Fulton—Washing machine.
W. H. & W. J. Clark and A. O. Kittredge, Salem—Iron and steel shearing machine.
C. C. Gregeor, Tiffin—Rock drilling machine.
J. B. Crawley and A. E. Chamberlain, Cincinnati—Cooking stove.
J. T. Hoge and R. D. Schultz, Zanesville—Soap.
C. Minear, Chillicothe—Compressing grain shocks.
G. V. Phelps, Newark—Sharpening mowing machine knives.
E. Sears, Kimbleton—Bean and pumpkin seed dropper.
J. Simpson, Newark—Cigar mould gress.
G. Smith, Cincinnati—Cream dropping machine.
G. H. White, Cleveland—Welding tubing.
Reissue—L. Crawley, Cleveland—Can seaming machine.
L. C. Bandsley, Cleveland—Sheet metal can.
J. Fray and J. M. Eichholtz, Canton—Sawing machine.
J. V. Holmes, Mount Vernon—Metallic lathing.

BETA THETA PI.

Annual Convention at Evansville.

EVANSVILLE, August 25.—The annual convention of the Beta Theta Pi Society met in Odd Fellows' Hall to-day. About forty members were present. The convention organized by calling Hon. H. C. Gobding, of Evansville, to the chair, and electing Fred. Terrell, of Omaha, Secretary. Rev. Earl Cranston, of Trinity Methodist church, welcomed the strangers to the city, and was responded to by J. B. Morrison, of Knightstown. To-morrow evening an oration will be delivered by Dr. Theophilus Parvin, of Indianapolis, and a poem read by Rev. Isaac Crooke, of Jacksonville, Ills. Friday the members will be given an excursion on the river.

The following permanent officers were elected to-day for the Convention: President, Major W. B. Ransom, Lawrence, Kansas; Vice President, Luke Wood, Evansville; Chaplain, Rev. Earl Cranston, Evansville; Secretaries, G. C. Rankin, Monmouth, Illinois, and Fred Terrell, of Omaha.

BOSTON.

Indignation Meeting of Planing and Moulding Mill Owners.

BOSTON, August 25.—A largely attended meeting of mill owners and users of planing and moulding machines was held here this afternoon, at which resolutions were passed severely censuring the action of the Executive Committee of the National Association and their counsel, Mr. Drew, in attempting to effect with the owners of the Woodbury patent a compromise detrimental to the interests of mill owners. The meeting represented many leading firms of New England, New York, the South and West, and it was unanimously resolved to resist the compromise.

KU-KLUX IN INDIANA.

Terrible Revenge of a Band of Lynchers on One of Their Number Who Had Betrayed Their Secrets.

NEW ALBANY, IND., August 25.—The *Ledger-Standard* of this evening gives the particulars of a dastardly outrage perpetrated in Crawford county, this State, Sunday night last. A man named Houghton, who, with some other men, about one year ago, visited the house of a man named Saltsgiver and lynched him, made up his mind to turn State's evidence and inform on his comrades. He visited the town of Leavenworth and gave an attorney all the facts and the names of those engaged in the outrage on Saltsgiver. This came to the ears of his old companions, and they organized a band of about twenty-five, who visited his house Sunday night, disguised, and forced open the door of his sleeping room. Houghton resisted their attack and knocked two of his assailants down. They finally overpowered him and, in the presence of his wife, administered to him fifty or sixty lashes with hickory withes, lacerating his body in a most shocking manner. In addition the scoundrels wounded and lacerated his person with knives in a horrible manner. After these Ku-Klux had left, physicians were called and they found Houghton in a terribly exhausted condition, his bed saturated with blood and he suffering intensely. Houghton, fearing further outrage, had himself removed to the county jail Monday night and locked up by the Sheriff. He recognized seven or eight of his assailants and has given their names to the authorities. There is a good deal of feeling in Crawford county in regard to the affair, and it is probable that some of the parties will be arrested and punished, unless they leave that section in haste.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

Sale of Northern Pacific Confirmed.

NEW YORK, August 25.—Judge Shipman, of the United States Circuit Court, to-day confirmed the recent sale of the property and franchises of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company and their purchase by the committee representing the bondholders. The company will now be reorganized by the issue of preferred stock to the holders of bonds.

The Fast Mail Train.

CHICAGO, August 25.—The *Inter-Ocean* to-morrow publishes a detailed statement in reference to the fast mail train that is to be run between New York and Chicago in September. A train will leave Chicago at eight P. M., arriving in New York about twelve o'clock, M., of the next day. There will also be another train leaving New York at 8:30 A. M., arriving in Chicago at 6:30 the following morning, making the round trip in twenty-six hours, a gain of fourteen hours over the previous running time.

Boston and Albany Company Reduce Salaries and Wages.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., August 25.—The Boston and Albany Railroad Directors have voted to reduce all wages and salaries ten per cent. from September 1st.

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A HEALTHFUL LESSON TO BURGLARS.

Two burglars were discovered this morning in Cantebergher's house, No. 6 East Seventeenth street, by the son of the proprietor. The son stepped into the hall, and as one of the burglars dashed past he knocked him insensible by a blow of an Indian club. The other burglar retreated into the basement, where he was locked up into the arms of two officers who had answered the alarm.

EXPLANATION FROM W. BUTLER DUNCAN.

W. Butler Duncan has written a letter stating that he adopted the method of his proposition of August 16th for the purpose of retaining alive, in the hands of Kennedy & Duer, the obligations of Duncan, Sherman & Co. until the 31st per cent. should be paid, and to prevent any question as to continuing the liabilities of Duncan, Sherman & Co. He says: "The proposition notes I propose to give will, if required, be indorsed by Duncan, Sherman & Co., whose partnership has not been dissolved."

PARTICULARS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR.

The following particulars of the assassination of President Mareno, of Equador, have been received from Guayaquil:

"The whole city was thrown into great excitement by the news of the assassination of Garcia Mareno, in his palace at Quito, by an officer, Captain Raelo, whom he had displaced, and by two young men of Quito, called Correa and Rayjo first struck the President over the head with a machete, and was instantly run through by the sentry, who fired his piece at the same time, killing the assassin immediately. The two young men, after Raejo had struck the President, fired on the latter with their revolvers. The President fell on his face, mortally wounded, and has since died. The two young men escaped. The people cannot realize the President's death, and are yet afraid to compromise themselves. Alarm has seized on all foreigners, and strong reasons exist for believing that there will be a massacre of foreign priests."

INJUNCTION AGAINST DALY.

A temporary injunction was granted today by the Superior Court, on application of Sheridan Shook and A. M. Palmer, of the Union Square Theater, and Ernst Blum, author of the play of "Rose Michel," by Judge Freedman, against Augustine Daly, of the Fifth Avenue Theater, to prevent the production of the above-named play. The order is returnable September 6.

LOADER ADMITTED TO BAIL.

Joseph Loader, the upholster who libeled Henry Ward Beecher, was to-day admitted to bail in $2,000.

TILTON'S NOTICES OF TRIAL.

Notices of trial have been filed with the Clerk of the City Court in Brooklyn in the suits of Theodore Tilton *vs.* Henry Ward Beecher, Tilton *vs.* Thomas Kinsella, and Tilton *vs.* the Brooklyn *Eagle*, by attor

The Commercial.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1875.

Republican State Nominations.

FOR GOVERNOR,
JOHN F. HARTRANFT.
FOR STATE TREASURER,
HENRY RAWLE.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

FOR SHERIFF,
RICHARD H. FIFE, Mansfield.
FOR RECORDER,
RALPH J. RICHARDSON, City.
FOR REGISTER,
JOSEPH H. GRAY, City.
FOR CLERK OF THE COURTS,
WM. H. McCLEARY, City.
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
JOHN McCLELLAND, West Deer,
AUGUSTUS BECKERT, City.
FOR CONTROLLER,
HENRY WARNER, Allegheny City.
FOR DIRECTOR OF THE POOR,
JAMES W. BELL, Robinson.

OUR local Democratic contemporary appears to labor under the impression that to forgive JEFF. DAVIS involves the acceptance of him as a popular instructor.

IT IS expected that a test case involving the constitutionality of the Wisconsin railroad legislation of 1874 will be argued before the United States Supreme Court in October.

THE Democrats, who complain because Senator MORTON is to speak in Maine, also complain because JEFF. DAVIS is not to speak in Illinois. Nothing appears to satisfy them.

THE Supreme Court of Illinois, in a case involving the question of the rights of married women, has just decided that they can hold property wholly independent of their husbands. Go West, ladies.

IT APPEARS that a couple of Milwaukee gaugers, criminally implicated in the whisky frauds, have lately fled to Canada in accordance with the advice of their counsel, ex-Senator CARPENTER. Where does a lawyer's duty to his client end, anyhow?

THERE is a world of significance in Col. GILDERSLEEVE'S explanation of the victories of the American rifle team in Europe. "We all pulled together," he says, "and therein lies the secret of our success." Let the Republicans of Pennsylvania and of other States improve the text.

ACCORDING to Mr. GLADSTONE, Germany now holds the first place on behalf of the world in asserting the necessity of limiting spiritual powers in spiritual things. This honorable position should of right be filled by the United States—"heir of all the ages, foremost in the files of time."

THE Hartford *Courant*, edited by the President of the Centennial Commission, says that almost the entire work and expense has thus far rested upon the people of Pennsylvania, and intimates that the time has now arrived for the people of other States to come to their assistance. We think so too.

THE establishment of the whipping post and stocks is one of the propositions to be brought before the Texas Constitutional Convention. These agencies of torture will undoubtedly be restored. You don't suppose the ex-slaveholders are going to miss so fine an opportunity of reviving their cherished old-time recreation of "walloping niggers," do you?

THE Rochester *Chronicle* says that, notwithstanding low tolls, the New York canal receipts up to the second week in August foot up only $704,247 32, a falling off from last year's receipts at the same time of $706,850 36, or about fifty per cent. decrease. This is by no means encouraging, and that paper asks, what is to be done for, and with the canals. The answer can be given in two words: "Sell them."

SINCE the Republican candidate for Governor of Iowa has got on the war path, the Democratic State Central Committee have decided to give it up as a lost cause, and do nothing. They have made no plans for a campaign, and so "Old SHUP." will go about skirmishing on his own hook, with no arms to support him. He will be so badly beaten in October that he will require the services of a notary public to establish the fact of his candidacy.

OUR Republican friends in Westmoreland county will meet at Greensburg on Tuesday next, 31st inst., at one o'clock P. M., to listen to an address by Hon. JOHN CESSNA. In the evening, in the same place, speeches will be made by the Rev. J. VANNOTE, of this city, and Hon. SAMUEL HUNT, of Wilkesburg. All the gentlemen named are fine speakers, and those who attend the meetings can count upon hearing something worth listening to.

NOTICING the suggestive fact that during the past fifteen years the city debt of Brooklyn has increased from $6,000,000 to $43,000,000, the Nashville *Union* says: "The record of the Radical era, now happily drawing to a close, is the same all over the country." Brooklyn is now and has been for years under Democratic rule. The Democratic majority in that city is some eight thousand, and the City Council stands sixteen Democrats to six Republicans.

THE falling off in immigration to this country for the present month is said to be unprecedented. The number of arrivals at New York last August was quite small, but it was double that of this year. There is, however, a decided improvement in the class of immigrants. Before the cry of "hard times" began, persons were constantly arriving without a dollar in the world and without any definite destination except to get work. But now this is almost entirely changed. Nearly all of the immigrants who set foot in Castle Garden are supplied with cash enough to give them a start.

THE time has evidently passed for sneering at "Old Probs." and the "weather clerk." During the last fiscal year there were displayed, at the different ports and harbors of the United States, located upon the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, 762 cautionary day and night storm signals, of which number 561, or seventy-five per cent., have been verified by the occurrence of dangerous winds at the points of display or within the radius of a hundred miles, as set forth in the rules of the office. In no instance, during the year, has any great storm reached, without fair warning given, the lakes, or any of the great ports of the United States. Last year the service was extended to the West Indies, and this year stations have been established by our Government at the Sandwich Islands, in Alaska, on the Bermudas, and the Aleutian Islands, half away across the Pacific.

THE Supreme Court of Vermont has just rendered a decision to the effect that national banks have no power to bind themselves or the corporators by accepting bonds, coin, or other valuable things upon special deposit for safe keeping and return upon demand; and that no recovery can be had against the bank for any such deposit left with the cashier and not returned on request. The only deposits made in national banks which the receipt of an officer of the bank can bind the bank for, are such deposits as are credited to the depositor, to be used by the bank as its own, and be drawn against by or paid to the depositor at his pleasure; not money, securities, or other property, to be specifically kept and redelivered, for the receiving of such deposit is in no sense necessary to the carrying on of the business of banking. This decision is of particular interest to special depositors in such institutions.

THE St. Louis *Republican* gives some interesting particulars concerning the new plant called "ramie," which, it is predicted, will in time form an important part of the agricultural product of the Southern States. The fibre appears to possess many unquestionable advantages, being extremely fine and silky, and at the same time remarkably strong, excelling in this last particular almost all known fibres. It is claimed, too, that it is less affected by moisture than any other vegetable fibre. The cloth woven from it has a fine, glossy texture, so much like silk that it is easily mistaken for it, being much finer in appearance than any products of cotton. There would seem to be no doubt that the ramie fibre, if it can be obtained sufficiently cheap, will prove a very valuable commercial article, being peculiarly well adapted to growth in the Southern States. The principal obstacle in the way of the cheap production of the staple is the difficulty of extracting it from the stalks, but we should think the ingenuity of our inventors could easily overcome this drawback.

IT LOOKS somewhat as though there were a Democratic plot on foot to revive the disturbances in Louisiana which have for several months been supposed to be happily ended. During the observance of the WHEELER compromise that State has been rapidly recovering from the business and industrial depression occasioned by intense political animosities, attended with violent and lawless demonstrations, and has bidden fair to regain her former condition of prosperity. Now, if we are to believe the reports from New Orleans, the White Leaguers propose to repudiate the conditions on which the agreement was based. Commenting on this precious piece of Democratic duplicity, the Troy *Times* says:

"This is one of the first fruits of the election of a Democratic majority in the National House of Representatives. Decent men of both parties, North and South, will be startled and disgusted by so palpable a breach of faith as must be involved in a repudiation of the terms of the Wheeler compromise. The expulsion from their seats of several Republican members of the lower house of the Legislature, and the admission of Democrats in their places, almost upon the heels of an agreement that the status of that body should remain unchanged, was bad enough, but a plausible excuse having been rendered for the act that matter was condoned. It is impossible, however, that a satisfactory apology can be made for the outrage now reported. The pledge that Kellogg should be officially respected as Governor was distinct, and impossible of misinterpretation. In view of it, the Republicans of Louisiana have already fulfilled their part of the contract, and now the White League Democracy, with characteristic treachery, propose to recede from their agreement. In view of the numerous crimes of which they stand convicted, we do not know that there is much reason to be surprised at the course of conduct which they are now reported to have determined upon; but respectable men of all shades of political opinion will see in their infamy additional reason for keeping them out of power. If it shall turn out, as we suspect it will, that the villany has been secretly suggested by prominent Democratic leaders at the North, the effect upon the approaching State elections ought to be decisive."

A KILLING frost at this time would undoubtedly be a great calamity throughout the Northwest. The growing corn is now in that peculiar soft and developing condition when it is sensitive to cold and easily injured by frost. Early frost is, consequently, dreaded by the farmers as if it were a pestilence; and this is especially the fact this season, when, in many localities, the smaller grain crops have been a partial failure, and the hopes of the farmers rest upon the safety and security of the immense corn crop now giving such flattering promise. It is, therefore, gratifying to learn from the Chicago *Journal* that the recent untimely frosts in portions of the Northwest have inflicted but little injury on this crop, the actual damage in this respect being confined to low lands. Reports from many points in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Northern and Central Illinois and Western Michigan, which embrace the entire region visited by frosts, all agree that the corn is not badly damaged, and that the most serious effect is in the vegetable gardens. So long as the corn is safe, however, the farmers have ample reason for congratulation and encouragement. The *Tribune* says that frost at this season is only expected after an interval of one month from the time it first comes. A reasonable amount of warm weather will serve to ripen the corn before that time, and the yield will in all probability be abundant.

THE son of the Secretary of the Chinese Educational Commissioner of this country, who on the Commission had placed in the Sheffield scientific school at Yale, has been dropped by the Commission, for the loss of his cue, which some of his fellow-students cut off by way of "hazing" him. YUNG WING, the chief Commissioner, feels very strongly in regard to the outrage, and has addressed a plain-spoken letter concerning it to President PORTER. The Springfield *Republican* thinks it would not be an impossible outcome that this should even affect the diplomatic relations of our Government with China, inasmuch as the young man is not to know what sort of hose as what sort of nose a lady wears.

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THE New York *Bulletin*, after reading its exchanges from the leading trade centers, speaks very hopefully of fair trade prospects in their respective localities. It says:

"Baltimore, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Louisville expect increased activity, and Chicago talks with hopefulness of a better general trade between now and November than has been witnessed for several years. There are many present facts to support these glowing anticipations, still, it is too soon, as yet, to accept them without some qualification. At St. Louis we hear of improving markets, with indications of a large trade ahead. Here, in our own city, we need but repeat that the signs of a fair trade are steadily multiplying, though the frequently recurring wet weather is more or less of a drawback."

THE annual meeting of the National Board of Steam Navigation will be held in New York city next week, commencing on Wednesday and continuing throughout the week. Delegates from all the maritime cities will be present, and it is estimated that over $300,000,000 of capital stock will be represented.

PERSONAL.

AH SANG, a Chinaman, was married at Charleston, South Carolina, last week, to Clara Davis, an American girl. Sang will have to face the music.

Dr. Barnabas Binney, who graduated at Brown University in 1774; his son, the late Hon. Horace Binney, who graduated at Harvard in 1797, and his grandson, who graduated at Yale, all received the valedictory honors of their classes. This is probably an instance unparalleled.

Victoria Anderson, who will be remembered as the wire velocipedist of Barnum's Hippodrome, aged twenty-three, fell on August 9th, at Berlin, from a velocipede on a rope eighty feet high, on which she was performing. She was fearfully injured and died shortly afterward. She performed here last year.

A gentleman from Woonsocket was introduced to President Grant by Senator Anthony at the Burnside clam-bake in Bristol. "Here, General," said Anthony, "is one of those terrible newspaper men, Mr. ——, of Woonsocket, sixteen miles up the Blackstone." "Sixteen miles in Rhode Island?" said the President. "Incredible!"

An aged blind woman, whose name is Gertrude Luce, *nee* Van Buren, is an inmate of the Hudson, N. J. almshouse. Her father and President Van Buren were cousins, and during her early years she had all that she desired. By her grandmother's will she was entitled to Stuyvesant Falls, now worth $300,000, but her mother diverted the property, which was not considered valuable at that time, to her brothers.

The telegraph recently outlined a terrible story of outrages committed upon two young ladies on board a packet vessel, between Nova Scotia and Boston, by the crew, and their subsequent murder. The Halifax *Chronicle* says of the alleged crime: "Our reporter was informed by a Shelburne captain that the whole story is regarded in Shelburne as the offspring of the disordered brain of Mr. Sutherland, whose mind has been affected by the death of his daughters, who were really drowned when the Mary E. Jones was wrecked. The man Greenwood, mentioned as having told the story, says he never gave any such information to Mr. Sutherland. The captain of the Mary E. Jones is a man of good repute, is now in command of a vessel sailing in the provincial trade and can be arrested at most at any time if he is wanted."

HURD & HOUGHTON, New York, and the Riverside Press, Cambridge, are soon to publish a volume by Hon. A.P. Russell, of Ohio, that will excite great interest among all who enjoy choice books. Its title is "Library Notes," and it is a mine of curious and delightful reading. From a wide range of authors Mr. Russell has gathered anecdote, epigram, incident, and so ordered his material as to present a most enjoyable feast. The reader opens the book to glance at it, his eye lights on a familiar name, and he reads on and on, led by the skilfull author, who never suffers the interest to flag.

An epidemic of black measles has broken out in Alaska, and is spreading with fearful rapidity. Few children die with the disease, the fatality being mainly confined to adults. In some places there are not enough well people to bury the dead.

A novel kind of theft is reported from St. Louis, where a man stole a guage from a boiler at a quarry at the moment when there was a pressure of a hundred pounds. This almost equals stealing the proverbial red hot stove.

CENTENNIAL TRANSPORTATION.

Action of the Leading Railroads.

PENNSYLVANIA Railroad Company, Office of the Third Vice President, No. 223 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, August 21, 1875.—*Hon. A. T. Goshorn, Director General United States Centennial Exposition*—DEAR SIR: We have received responses from the New York Central, the Erie and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Companies assenting to the proposed arrangements with reference to the transportation of goods to and from the "Centennial Exposition." It is, therefore, understood that regular rates shall be charged on all goods carried to the Exposition for exhibitors over the roads controlled by the above named companies and by this company, and that all unsold goods should be returned free, freights and all charges to be prepaid in every case. This arrangement to cover all articles for exhibition, as well as all other articles forwarded by exhibitors for their own use in connection with the Exposition. Very truly yours,

A. J. CASSATT,
Third Vice President.

This arrangement covers between 7,000 and 8,000 miles of railway, including some of the most important lines in the country, and will probably be adopted by all.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

From every peachy center they are talking of "gluts."

Missouri has dog-goned capital to the extent of $8,000,000.

George Honey, a sweet young actor, is combing over from England soon.

Full crops are the rule this season. There is even a glut in the mosquito market.

Hugo is said to have been the only Victor the American rifle team met abroad.

The Catholic League in Canada is assuming a more threatening aspect each day.

There is a mud-bank near Memphis, twenty feet high. Lots of material for the *Appeal*.

Seeing is alone believing in your case, Mr. Keely. Don't make any more promises, pray.

Boston has a beggar who can solicit alms in fifteen languages, but he can't say sawhorse in one.

Adirondack Murray is about establishing a weekly paper in Boston, to be called the *Golden Rule*.

The shipping of peaches to Boston direct from the Delaware orchards has proved a great success.

A steamer ascended the Illinois river as far as Ottawa last week, the first that has gone so high since 1862.

A South Carolina man has invented a new variety of kindling for the purpose of firing the Southern hearth.

The first shipment of peaches to Liverpool from Philadelphia is to be made by the steamship Ohio, to-day.

The pension records of Great Britain show that a pension has a wonderful influence in prolonging human life.

A large number of young men are leaving Maine for Lower California for the purpose of engaging in sheep raising.

It appears that President Grant's fishing excursion didn't cost the Government anything. What he caught was C. O. D.

Fashion notes say: "Increasing flatness characterizes all costumes made for the present season." So it does the wearers.

Lee, Mass., ought to be happy with fourteen out of its seventeen or eighteen paper mill in operation and running at full time.

The Quincy *Whig* has come out in quarto form, enlarged and in new type. The *Whig* is a sound, live, wide-awake Republican paper.

A writer named Worrall says "co-operation commenced in the Garden of Eden." And a pretty pass it brought the worralled to, didn't it?

Don't get scared over those Northwestern frosts. With a few weeks of average fall weather, there is no reason to apprehend a failure in corn.

An Indianapolis paper quotes a humorist who once expressed a desire to commune with an ass. Unfortunately, he died before Watterson was born.

The hot, dry winds have produced so much evaporation that tons of superior salt are lying around loose on the Texas Gulf coast, waiting to be taken up.

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STATE NEWS.

Three more divorce cases have just been added to the list in Erie.

Eight hundred Philadelphians attended the Reading schuetzenfest.

There are only forty-eight inmates in the Cambria county almshouse.

Mr. George Geiger, one of the pioneers of Mahanoy City, died suddenly on Saturday.

The women's centennial committee of Titusville have sent $422 83 to the centennial fund.

The Loyalhanna camp-meeting, near Latrobe, commenced on Wednesday, with a large attendance.

A ninety-five-year-old colored dame, residing in West Chester, is down with the whooping cough.

Mrs. Dr. Helfrich, a lady well advanced in years, was found dead in her bed in Allentown, on Sunday last.

The First Presbyterian church, Meadville, Rev. J. G. Carnochan, pastor, was dedicated on Sunday last.

A fair is to be held at Hughesville, Lycoming county, commencing September 29th, and lasting three days.

The Union Park and agricultural fair will be held on September 28th, 29th, 30th, and October 1st, at Sunbury.

Dan. Stine, of Rye township, Perry county, claims to have killed, last Friday, fifty-one snakes in one hour's time.

Mr. J. O. Pine dropped dead in Covington, Tioga county, one day last week from apoplexy. He was seventy-three years of age.

A company of volunteers is being organized at Houtzdale, Clearfield county, with a view of visiting the Centennial on the 4th of July, 1876.

A letter from Thomas Penn, dated 24th January, 1733, shows that Dauphin county was settled about fifteen years before that time, or in 1718.

Disappointment in love led a young man named Sebastian Steidle, of Mahanoy City, to commit suicide on Sunday. He shot himself through the heart.

The mammoth cucumber growing in Mr. M. S. Lessig's garden, at Pottstown, has now attained a length of fifty-four inches. It is fourteen inches in diameter.

A man named Brewer, weighmaster at Moshannon mines, Clearfield county, was killed by being caught between the bumpers of two coal cars, on Saturday last.

A new and prosperous village in Blair county is called Ironville. A public school has been erected in the place, and an experienced teacher will take charge of it.

G. W. Northrup, a brother-in-law of Jay Gould, committed suicide at Tunkhannock on the 21st inst., by cutting his throat. He was a well-to-do citizen, and highly respected.

A Bridgeport, Montgomery county, girl has become blind from the effects of some poisonous material applied to give luster to her complexion. Better stick to butter milk and starch, girls.

On Saturday, August 28th, a grand military firemen's parade will come off at Shamokin. About fifty companies are expected to participate. The Watsontown fire department has been invited and will probably go.

A four-year-old son of Daniel E. Dugan, of Phœnixville, fell from the third story window of his father's house to the pavement, on Saturday last, and, strange enough, escaped without a broken bone or any serious injury.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott, of Washington, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedded life on the 18th inst., in the house where their marriage took place. A large number of relatives and friends were present.

Highwaymen lassooed Mr. Tilghman Lilly, of Bethlehem, on the road near that place, one night last week, and after administering chloroform, rifled his pockets. The robbers were not well repaid, as he had nothing about him except a few pears.

According to the Philadelphia *Times*, Jeff. Davis received an invitation to lecture in Lancaster for the benefit of a church, the man who invited him promising to procure similar engagements for him in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Reading, Baltimore, etc.

A man living at Manayunk, while returning from Atlantic City on Saturday, chose an airy perch on top of a car, and had not proceeded far before his body came in contact with the projecting roof of a station, and he was knocked off the car and instantly killed.

Four hundred and forty-three delegates attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in Easton, last week, whence they dispersed on Saturday morning. The next annual session will be held in Philadelphia on the third Tuesday in August, 1876.

Tracheotomy was resorted to in Chester county recently in order to save the life of a little boy who had got a piece of apple lodged in his throat. An incision was made in his windpipe, the apple forced upward into the mouth, and the little sufferer is doing "as well as could be expected."

A four-year-old girl of Mrs. Kate Farnsworth, a widow, living on Front street, Sunbury, was drowned on Friday morning while on the river in a boat in company with some other children. The child was trying to catch hold of a piece of drift wood, and fell over into the water.

On Sunday evening William H. Wallace, a boy aged about six years, while walking with his father along the Susquehanna river on some rafts near Wrightsville, fell into the water and was drowned. His father jumped after him, but as the current was swift the boy soon disappeared under the raft and has not since been found.

Two buildings owned by Mr. J. Hassenplug, in Huntingdon, were burned down at an early hour on Sunday morning, and nearly all the furniture, etc., of the tenants occupying them was also consumed in the flames. By the strenuous exertions of the fire department a general conflagration was prevented, as the adjoining buildings caught several times, but the flames were extinguished.

Joseph Crawford, aged sixteen, son of Wm. Crawford, of Lebanon, while asleep on Saturday night, about eleven o'clock, crept out of the second story front window of his sleeping room and was precipitated to the pavement beneath. He was found lying there in his night clothes, by his brother Frank and his companion, Robert Zweitzig, in an insensible condition. His skull was fractured, as was also his collar-bone, and his right wrist was dislocated. Poor hopes were entertained of his recovery.

At an examination of applicants for public schools at Armagh, Indiana county, held recently, one of the would-be pedagogues we have heard of for a good while was present, says the Johnstown *Tribune*. This candidate for a position as teacher managed to butcher up by bad spelling no less than twenty-one words out of twenty-five. Another applicant was asked to write down the question, "Who was President of the United States during the Mexican war?" and to annex the answer in writing. She surprised the Superintendent by informing him that "Abrahem Linkin" was the person who acted in the capacity of Chief Magistrate at that period.

Mrs. Adelaide Dorscheimer, residing at No. 56 North Seventh street, Philadelphia, died on Saturday morning last, from the effects of taking a dose of poison by mistake. She had been under treatment for a slight indisposition, and the medicine she was using had been placed on a shelf with other drugs, among which was a bottle of carbolic acid, which, in size, shape and label was almost identical in appearance with the vial containing her medicine. On Saturday Mrs. Dorscheimer went to the shelf for her prescription, but in mistake got the bottle containing the deadly acid, and took a dose of it. Notwithstanding that medical aid was summoned, the poor woman died in half an hour.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1875,

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On Tuesday, September 7, 1875,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.,

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Sixth ward, Allegheny, one Delegate at Large.
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The Primary Elections shall be held by the Republican members of Election Boards, and where vacancies exist the remaining members shall fill them. In Districts where there are no Republican officers, they shall be chosen by the voters assembled.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, August 25, 1875.

Another very light day's business was reported at the banks, the counter business and the demand for discounts being both dull. While funds are abundant in nearly all the banks, there is no disposition on the part of lenders to show less stringency as to the character of the securities required, and all offerings of paper other than the best are ruthlessly thrown out by the discount boards. There is a tendency to lower rates of discount on prime securities, which is a natural result of the abundance of funds and slackness of demand. In stocks and securities there was nothing of importance to note. Gold advanced ¼ per cent. to-day, and Government bonds were firm in sympathy, with a corresponding advance in some issues. Exchange was in fair supply and ruled at par. We learn that a large amount of the wool clip held by both dealers and growers throughout Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio is now being moved to the East, which will cause an additional supply of Eastern exchange here. As a whole the monetary situation is satisfactory as regards the stable and secure position of our banking institutions, and the cautious policy which guides their course in the future; but as regard the outlook for more activity and better returns for investments we cannot express any very sanguine hope in the near future.

—The condition of savings banks in the State of New York, as show by their reports of July 1st, is exceedingly favorable. This report shows that the total amount of deposits, exclusive of surplus, is $316,335,917 82, and the aggregate assets of the savings banks are $336,308,236 43. There is an apparent decrease in the surplus since January 1st, but this is owing entirely to the different mode of computation. The gain in deposits since January 1st, is more than $12,000,000. There is also a gain of more than 36,000 in number of depositors. The increase in deposits is the largest since 1872. The natural inference from these figures would be that the industrious and frugal among the laboring classes of that State have by dint of economy managed to lay up that amount of additional savings. The *Bulletin*, however, attributes the increase to the deposits of farmers and small shop-keepers in rural districts, and also of capitalists and merchants who have put their surplus funds there to await a time when they could be more profitably employed elsewhere. It would be to the point to inquire, in reference to the last hypothesis, whether the deposits of other banking institutions show a corresponding shrinkage or not.

—The last report of the Massachusetts Insurance Commissioner has the following with reference to the Massachusetts non-forfeiture law:

"The equitable provisions of the law of 1861, known as the Massachusetts Non-Forfeiture Law, have been approved by most persons of the correctness of the principle upon which it is founded there can be no question. It is defective in some respects, however, most apparently so as relating to the plan of endowment in connection with life insurance—a class of business the future magnitude and importance of which was not anticipated at the time of its enactment. The following suggestions are submitted for consideration: Should not the percentage to be deducted diminish with the age of the policy, and qualify the law to take effect unless at least two full premiums have been paid? Would it not simplify and facilitate the business to strike out the provision which allows a company to retain the forborne premium if it can show that in that case this is done, the deduction of 20 per cent. does not fairly remunerate the company, the contingent to be deducted might be increased. It should in this connection be borne in mind that the company also retains whatever interest the assured had in the surplus, or 'in that portion of the net assets which is in excess of the net value of the policies.' If the provision is allowed to remain, ought not the whole of the reserve, minus the indebtedness, to be applied to the purchase of temporary insurance? The greatest defect in the law is in its machinery to endorse upon the policy what these be equitably adjusted in this manner? After making a proper deduction from the reserve appropriate from the balance so much as may be necessary to purchase term insurance up to the time when the original policy would have matured, and apply the remainder to the purchase of a simple endowment, payable at the same date. The policy is then living. This subject deserves the most immediate consideration both of the Legislature and of the officers of life insurance companies."

—The following table shows the prices of gold, Government bonds, railway stocks, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day, furnished by the Fifth National Bank, No. 16 Sixth street:

August 25, 1875.	10:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:30 P. M.	1:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
Gold	113⅞	113⅞	113⅞	113⅞	113⅞	113⅞
U. S. 6's, 1881, coup.	121½	121½	121½	121½	121½	121½
5-20's, 1864	116	116	116	116	116	116
5-20's, 1865	118	118	118	118	118	118
5-20's, 1865, new	118¼	118¼	118¼	118¼	118¼	118¼
5-20's, 1867, registered	120¾	120¾	120¾	120¾	120¾	120¾
5-20's, 1867, coupon	120¾	120¾	120¾	120¾	120¾	120¾
5-20's, 1868	120¾	120¾	120¾	120¾	120¾	120¾
10-40's, coupon	118	118	118	118	118	118
10-40's, 5s, coupon	118½	118½	118½	118½	118½	118½
Currency 6's	123	123	123	123	123	123
New 5 per cents	114½	114½	114½	114½	114½	114½
Western Union Tel.	84¾	84¾	84¾	84¾	84¾	84¾
Quicksilver	39½	39½	39½	39½	39½	39½
Pacific Mail	39½	39⅝	40	39½	39¼	39½
Adams Express	142	142	142	142	142	142
Adams Express		101		101½		
Wells-Fargo Express		80		80		
American Express		69		69		
United States Express		43		44		44
N. Y. Central		104½		104¾		104¾
Erie	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝
Michigan Central		66½		66½		66½
Michigan Southern	61⅞	61¾	61¾	61¾	61¾	61¾
Illinois Central		89½		89½		89½
Cleveland & Pittsburgh		89½		90		90
Chicago & Northwestern	42	41¾	42	42	42	41¾
Do. pref'red		57	57¾	57	56¾	57
Rock Island		96		96		96
St. Paul common	38¾	38	38¾	38		38¾
Do. pref'red	61	61	61	61	61	61
Wabash common	6¾		6¾		6	6¾
Fort Wayne	99½		99½		99½	
Ohio & Mississippi	19¾		19¾		19¾	19¾
Union Pacific					73	73
Harlem	124½		124½		124½	
Hannibal & St. Jo.	24¾	24¾	24¾	25¾		24
Atlantic & Pacific Tel.						41¾
Iron Mountain	16		17		17	16¾
C., C. & I. C.						44½
South Carolina, Ap'l	20		20			
South Carolina, July	20		20			
Missouri 6's	101¾		101¾		101½	

—The following is a report of the prices of leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board, as received by wire at noon to-day:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania Central	56¼	56¾
Reading, sale's		
United Cos. of N. J.	130½	
Oil Creek, sales	9¾	
Lehigh Valley		63
Allegheny Valley		40
Central Transportation	46½	47
Empire Transportation	54	
P., C. and St. M. b.	74¼	

—The amount of capital, loans and deposits of the New York city trust companies last year as given in the report of the New York State Superintendent of the Banking Department are: Capital, $16,500,000; deposits, $44,430,000; loans, $34,253,000. Out of these nine companies, six, with $6,500,000 of capital, may be considered as new institutions, doing comparatively no business five years ago; and it is probably safe to estimate that, while the purchases of paper and the temporary loans of the trust companies now stand at over $34,000,000, the amount of such operations five years ago did not reach over $15,000,000. This, says the *Bulletin*, in an article on the loss of banking facilities in New York under the national banking system, we have found relief in this direction to the extent of something near $20,000,000. But as against this gain, it is to be considered that there has been an important falling off in the accommodation granted by private bankers, consequent upon the panic.

—The exports of gold and silver from New York for the first seven months in the calendar year and to August 21, are as follows:

January	$10,119,000	June	$17,679,000
February	4,641,000	July	5,985,000
March	3,142,000	August 7	1,121,000
April	6,010,000	August 14	1,572,000
May	9,355,000	August 21	623,000
Total to date			$59,666,000
To same time 1874			37,379,000
Increase since January 1			$22,274,000

—The San Francisco *Alta* thinks "there is little room for doubt that the treasure yield of our side of the continent will in 1875 far exceed that of any previous year." The same paper says, 9th inst., that the reports from the interior continue to be favorable, and the wine yield considerably larger than last year.

(By Associated Press.)

Gold Closed at 113⅞.

GOLD.

NEW YORK, August 25.—Gold opened at 113⅞ and closed at 113⅞, at which figures all sales of the day were made. Rates paid for borrowing were 3, 2, 4, 7 and 6 per cent. per annum, and 1-16 and 1-32 per diem, the latter the closing rates. The daily increase in customs receipts and importation of importers for the fall trade, which is expected to be active in September.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

The Directors of the Panama Railroad Company met this afternoon and authorized the President, Mr. Park, to enter into a new tariff arrangement with the Pacific Mail Company, and also extend the lease of the latter company, which falls due Saturday. The Western Union Directors met to-day but only transacted routine business. The committee of the Western Union and Pacific and Atlantic Companies have not met for some days, owing to the absence of several members.

Government bonds closed firm. Railroad bonds were strong in late afternoon dealings. Union Pacific firsts advanced to 102¾ and sinking funds to 97¾, with few offerings. The latter issue to-day reached the highest point ever made. Erie fourths sold at 97 and Pacific of Missouri firsts at 91¾. Chicago and Northwestern consolidated and sinking fund bonds were in demand at 87¾@87⅞. State bonds were quiet and prices nominal. The stock market, which opened strong and higher in the general list, and soon after opening with continued pumps in Panama Railroad, which brought it from 136 to 142, closed dull and off from the highest figures for the same, the rest being steady. Panama, in course of the final dealings, recovered from its reaction to 140¾ to 141, Pacific Mail from 39½ to 39¾, Lake Shore from 61¾ to 61⅝ and Western Union from 84¾ to 84¾. Erie was firm and advanced to 16. Northwestern declined 1 per cent. for common and 5⅝ for preferred. The common recovered to 42 and preferred to 56¾, at which it closed firm on both sides. Rock Island advanced to 96 and closed at the close. Union Pacific closed at 73@73¼. The other railroad shares were slight. Transactions aggregated 90,000 shares, of which 14,000 were Erie, 18,700 Lake Shore, 25,500 Northwestern common, 1,900 preferred, 17,500 Pacific Mail, 2,200 St. Paul, 8,000 Western Union and 2,300 Panama.

The following were the closing quotations:

STOCKS.			
W. U. Tel. Co	84¾	Rock Island	108
Pacific Mail	39¾	St. Paul	38
Adams Express	101½	Do preferred	61
Wells Fargo Ex	80	Quicksilver	39¾
American Ex	69	Do preferred	64
United States Ex	44	Fort Wayne	99¼
New York Central	104¾	Chicago & Alton	103½
Erie	15⅝	Do preferred	109¾
Do preferred	25	Terre Haute	6¾
Harlem	124½	Do preferred	21½
Do preferred	125	Ohio & Mississippi	19½
Mich. Central	65¼	C. C. & I. C.	44½
Lake Shore	61¾	Burlington & Q	124
Illinois Central	89½	Hannibal & St. Jo	24
Cleveland & Pitts.	90	Atlantic & Pac. Tel	19¼
Northwestern	41¾	Union Pac. stock	72¾
Do preferred	56¾	Central Pac. bds	102¾
N. J. Central	111	Union Pacific bds	102½

GOVERNMENTS.

U. S. coupons, 1881	121½	5-20's, 1868	120¾
5-20's, 1864	116	New 5's	116¾
5-20's, 1865	118	10-40's	118½
5-20's, 1865, new	118¼	10-40s coupons	118½
5-20's, 1867	120¾	Currency 6's	123

STATE BONDS.

Tennessee, old	50	Virginia, old	37
Tennessee, new	50	Missouri 6's	101¾
Virginia, new	37		

GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, } WEDNESDAY, August 25, 1875. }

The movement in wholesale lines of trade to-day was much the same as that previously reported. In the breadstuffs and produce branches there was considerable activity, the principal grain business being in oats which had rather a downward tendency. Flour was moderately active with an easy feeling at unchanged quotations. In produce we noted nothing especially new. The prospect for a good yield of hops continues favorable and prices are lower. Groceries were steady with a moderate jobbing trade. The wool market while still rather inactive shows some signs of improvement in volume of trade at unchanged prices. In dry goods we note an increased volume of business over last week, and a general reduction of values on tickings. Boots and shoes, general merchandise, etc., were quiet but steady. The leading merchandise jobbing branches show considerable sluggishness, but there is some improvement, and the general impression is that they are working their way toward activity.

The last *Bulletin* reviews the Eastern market for dairy products during the past week as follows: "Western butter has been in fair demand and steady, while favored lots have been sold very well, especially where marketmen, jobbers, etc., could make the stock answer the purpose of State, and receivers handling this class of goods, were enabled to do a fair business, on a shading of possibly about ½c per ℔, as compared with the preceding week. The range would stand on an average of, say 22@23c for ex remus, with a gradual refusal of buyers to negotiate on a basis of the latter figure at the close. There is a limit to the number of the fancies sold 'away up,' but of course in too small a quantity to have any influence or in reality to be deserving of a quotation, and we only mention them to satisfy the dealers who think they should not be left out in the cold. Taking the general market for Western however, on the bulk of the stock, and the blue tone has not only continued, but everything has appeared to tr fle as the accumulation has further piled up. As a rule, hold rs have not openly named any concessions to effect sales, but have shown a firmness at least, and some having the luck of a few days' trade, have expressed themselves as even well satisfied with the position, and in a state of h pifulness peculiarly refreshing in these days of dull sales and unfavorable weather. Whatever demand may have prevailed, however, has come out on its own natural development, as not only have buyers exhibited more than the usual caution, but refused to bid up to the views of every line of fresh have undoubtedly been disappointed, and though a slight concession would probably help them work off some stock, they do not feel inclined to make the sacrifice as yet. At 18@20c the days of dull sales will be looked for stock, but find very little butter offering down to their views. The foreign demand is moderate and uncertain, and the commission solicitations of the close. Union Pacific closed at 73@73¼. The other railroad shares were slight. Transactions aggregated 90,000 shares, of which 14,000 were Erie, 18,700 Lake Shore, 25,500 Northwestern common, 1,900 preferred, 17,500 Pacific Mail, 2,200 St. Paul, 8,000 Western Union and 2,300 Panama.

The following were the closing quotations:

STOCKS.			
W. U. Tel. Co	84¾	Rock Island	108
Pacific Mail	39¾	St. Paul	38
Adams Express	101½	Do preferred	61
Wells Fargo Ex	80	Quicksilver	39¾
American Ex	69	Do preferred	64
United States Ex	44	Fort Wayne	99¼

Provisions.

A rather dull market is reported at unchanged values. Receipts for the week were rather lighter than usual being 4,845 pieces and 756 tierces.

BACON—We quote shoulders at 10¼c ℔ lb; rib sides are quoted at 13¼c; clear rib sides 13½c; clear sides 14½c.

HAMS—We quote plain sugar-cured at 16¼@ 16½c ℔ lb; canvassed do. do. Sugar-cured shoulders canvassed 12¾@12½c; breakfast bacon canvassed is quoted at 16½c; dried beef, sugar-cured, 15½c; canvassed 15¾c; beef tongues, per dozen, $6 50; ham sausage 10c.

MESS PORK—The market is quiet and steady. We quote at $22 50 ℔ bbl.

LARD—We quote prime lard, refined, in tierces, 9¾ ℔, 10c; half bbls do 15¼c; in buckets, 16c; in 3-lb caddies, 17¼c; in 5-lb caddies do, 17c; in 3-lb pails do, 17¾c; in 5-lb do, 17½c; in 6-lb do, 17c.

LARD OIL—The market is quiet. We quote extra, No. 1 lard oil, current make, $1 05 ℔ gallon; No. 1 do, 95c; No. 2, 75c.

TALLOW—We quote chandlers' tallow at 9 @9¼c; choice country rendered 8¾@8¾c; medium do. 7¾@8c.

The St. Louis market for provisions on Monday is reported as follows:

The market was quiet and transactions were unimportant, there being only a light consumptive demand. Standard mess pork sold at $22 00@22 50. D. S. meats, loose winter shoulders, were nominal at 9c; clear rib sides 12¼c; and clear sides at 12¾c. Bacon sold in casks at 10c for shoulders; 13¾c@13¾c for clear rib sides; and 13¾@13½c for clear sides. Canvassed S. C. winter hams sold in tierces at 14@ 15½c; and uncanvassed summer cured ranged at 13½@13c; 50,000 ℔s shoulders, sellers' option next week sold at 9c. Lard was unchanged. Refined sold in tierces at 14@14½c; in kegs at 14½c; in pails at 14¾@15c; Summer steam nominal at 14c. Breakfast bacon was firm at 15½ 16c. Beef tongues were steady at $9 00@9 75 per dozen.

Petroleum.

August 26.—There was a quiet but steady feeling in petroleum circles with few features of marked importance to note. Values were generally steady at former quotations.

CRUDE—The market was quiet and unchanged. We quote sellers 7½c; buyers 7¼c; Oil City 87½@90c; outside tires 80@82½c; immediate shipment $1 10@1 12½. The volume of business was fair, sales of 21,000 barrels being reported at Parkers, and 2,000 barrels at other points in the oil regions.

REFINED—There was a quiet and very easy feeling, with quotations materially unchanged. We quote at 8½@8¾c for standard white in bbls; cars; New York rules at 11¾c for prompt and early September delivery. Philadelphia is quoted at 10⅝@11. Baltimore rules at 10⅝@ 10c.

OIL BARRELS—Remain unchanged at $1 35@ 40 for city; $1 20@1 25 for country; 90c@$1 00 for second hand.

(By Western Union Telegraph.)

TITUSVILLE, August 25.—The *Herald* says: United at the wells opened at 87½ and closed at the same figure, with nothing doing. Ship ment during the week 6,728 bbls, and only moderately active. The upper road was $1 10@ 1 11, and lower stock at $1 07½. Sales:

2,000 bbls, United, at wells	$	87½
1,000 bbls, United, at wells		88
1,000 bbls, Union, at wells		87½
1,000 bbls, Union, at wells		88
1,000 bbls, Pennsylvania Trans		80
1,000 bbls, immediate shipment		1 11½
1,000 bbls, immediate shipment		1 12
1,000 bbls, Barnes, at wells		89½
1,000 bbls, Reliet, at wells		89
1,000 bbls, Oil City, spot		1 10
500 bbls, Lower Creek, spot		1 07½
50 bbls, Upper Creek, spot		1 10

NEW YORK, August 25, closing 24.—There is a trifle steadier market at Bradford and Creek markets, without any improvement in export demand. Sales are: 900 bbls refined for prompt delivery at 11¾c, and 1,000 bbls in Philadelphia at 10⅝c; also 2,000 cases in New York at 15¾@16c; crude nominally unchanged in bulk at 8¼c for prompt and 8½c for September 15th; do in shipping order 8½c; refined for September; cases 15¼@17¼c; naphtha 10c for prompt; 9½c for September 15th. For Philadelphia delivery 10¾c; Western 10½c; crude 8c for spot and the month.

PHILADELPHIA, August 25.—Market quiet and steady. Crude 8c; refined 10⅝@11c; naphtha 9½@10c.

OIL CITY, August 25.—Market firm at $1 12½. ROUSEVILLE, August 25.—Market quiet and dull at $1 00 ½.

TITUSVILLE, August 25.—Market quiet, and unchanged at $1 10@1 11½.

PARKERS, August 25.—87½ bid for United; 88 bid for Empire; 89 bid for Pratt; 90 bid for Parker; 91 bid for Allegheny; 92 bid for Tarr Farm; 93 bid for Reed; 94 bid for Forest; 95 bid for Citizens; 96 bid for Fulton; 97 bid for Washington; 98 bid for Diamond; 99 bid for Phillips; 1 00 bid for Bradford; 1 01 bid for Hope; 1 02 bid for Elk; 1 03 bid for Keystone; 1 04 bid for Tidewater; 1 05 bid for Red Rock; 1 06 bid for Empire; 1 07 bid for Parker; 1 08 bid for Allegheny; 1 09 bid for Tarr Farm; 1 10 bid for Reed; 1 11 bid for Forest; 1 12 bid for Citizens; 1 13 bid for Fulton; 1 14 bid for Washington; 1 15 bid for Diamond; 1 16 bid for Phillips; 1 17 bid for Bradford; 1 18 bid for Hope; 1 19 bid for Elk; 1 20 bid for Keystone; 1 21 bid for Tidewater; 1 22 bid for Red Rock; 1 23 bid for Empire; 1 24 bid for Parker; 1 25 bid for Allegheny; 1 26 bid for Tarr Farm; 1 27 bid for Reed; 1 28 bid for Forest; 1 29 bid for Citizens; 1 30 bid for Fulton; 1 31 bid for Washington; 1 32 bid for Diamond; 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CITY MATTERS.

For eighty-five cents per month the DAILY COMMERCIAL will be mailed to travelers or to subscribers who are temporarily absent from Pittsburgh. The address of the paper will be changed as often as is desired.

Local Observations.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, U. S. SIG. SERV., Room 23, First National Bank, PITTSBURGH, PA., August 25, 1875.

Time.	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum	WIND. Dir.	Force.	Weath.
7 A. M.	30.278	59	87	N. E.	Light.	Clear.
2 P. M.	30.186	79	53	N.	Fresh.	Fair.
9 P. M.	30.165	68	69	N. E.	Light.	Fair.

Mean barometer....30.198 Highest thermom....80
Mean thermometer..68 Lowest thermom....56

Fight on Fifth Avenue.

Lieutenant Tyre and other officers, about half-past one this morning, arrested Michael Dunn, Thos. George and Peter Carr, who were fighting at the corner of Fifth avenue and Smithfield street. They had swords and handy-billies, and there would doubtless have been bloody work had it not been for the timely interference of the police.

Important to Postmasters.

Many postmasters, especially those in country districts, do not seem to be aware of the fact that, since the first of July last, it requires ten cents to register a letter, instead of eight, the old price. Merchants and others, to whom registered letters are addressed, are charged with the deficiency; and hence it is important that postmasters should exact the full nine-ten cents for registering, in addition to the three cents postage.

Fete Champetre at Castle Shannon.

The fete champetre held under the auspices of Messrs. Henne and Harper at Castle Shannon Grove, Tuesday evening, was one of the happiest affairs of the season. The grounds were brilliantly lighted with tri-colored lanterns. The supper really excellent, the music divine and the throng one of the merriest it is possible to imagine. The united efforts of Henne and Harper gave to a host of young ladies and gentlemen an evening of genuine enjoyment and one which the participants are likely to remember as a happy episode in their summer's pleasantries.

Trouble About Toll.

The firm of Morris & McMillan, dealers in sheep, were before Alderman Barker, of the South Side, yesterday, charged an oath of C. Barr, toll collector on the Monongahela bridge, with surreptitiously taking several sheep over the bridge without paying the toll. Mr. Barr testified at the hearing that one of the defendants crossed the bridge some nights ago with a drove of sheep, which he represented contained a certain number. Mr. B. suspected that the number was much greater than represented, and he followed the drove to the East Liberty stock yards, where he found that the bridge company had been "enchred." A fine of ten dollars was exacted.

Man Killed at the Workhouse.

About eleven o'clock yesterday morning a young man named Henry Keinranse, received fatal injuries in the following manner: He was working for Mr. John Hart, who has the contract for putting the slate roof on the new portion of the Workhouse, and had descended the ladd-r on which he was working. Just as he reached the ground a brick fell from the building and striking him on the head crushed his skull killing him almost instantly. The deceased was thirty-two years of age and unmarried. The body was brought to the late residence of the deceased, on Second street, Allegheny, where an inquest was held by the Coroner last evening. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

A New Railroad.

The Sharpsville (Mercer county) *Advertiser*, of yesterday, says: We are gratified to announce that the new railroad from Sharon to connect with the A. and G. W. main line is to be built immediately. The contract for building the road from Rawle's furnace, to which point it is already completed, to Cape Horn, a mile and a half this side of Transfer, where the connection will be made, was let on Friday last to Messrs. Scurry & Kelley, of Greenville. The distance is about seven miles, and the contractors propose to have the work, which will be commenced immediately, finished before December 1st. The road will follow the towpath up to the old coal schutes, just above the Mt. Hickory furnaces, at which point the river will be crossed. The bridge will be about three hundred feet in length, and as it will take some time to complete it, a good force of carpenters and masons will be put immediately to work. The road can be built on this place in a very short time, as there will be no grading to do or any consequence. Such being the case, we can only condition that a little leveling will make it ready for the ties and rails.

Mount Sewickley Camp Meeting.

The services seem to be growing in interest, at this grove from day to day. Notwithstanding the departure of Mr. Sankey Monday evening, the attendance was large through Tuesday and yesterday. Sermons of much interest were delivered on Tuesday by Rev. C. W. Smith, of Canton, Ohio; Rev. J. W. Miles and Rev. Dr. S. F. Minor. At the close of the sermon of the latter, persons desiring the prayers of the congregation and suitable religious instruction, were invited forward to seats designated for that purpose, and several availed themselves of the offer. The services were deeply spiritual, and some of the penitents received great benefit. Bishop Moore and Revs. W. Fleming and G. Fedler, of the African Zion M. E. Church, were present, and the Bishop, by request, made some remarks.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held, Rev. John F. Dravo, President, presiding, James H. McCleary, Secretary. The board proposed to give every charge in the district a lot, with the expectation that each will erect a cottage thereon. Some change in the hotels are contemplated. The following persons were chosen officers and members of the Board of Trustees for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. F. Dravo; Secretary and Treasurer, Judge J. K. Wilson; Assistant Secretaries, James H McCleary, Esq., Hon. D. W. White and J. G. Crease Sewickley; S. W. Ball, Esq., T. Chantler, Arthur Hobson, Thos. Bingham, Allegheny; E. H. Alexander, New Brighton; A. Jack, son, Jack's Run, and T. G. Kerr, Freedom. Thanks were tendered to President Dravo, Judge Wilson and Hon. D. W. White, and deservedly so, for their valuable services in various ways to promote the interests of the association and the annual camp meeting now in progress.

OUR MANUFACTORIES.

The *Manufacturer* of the current week has the following items concerning the manufactories of this city and vicinity:

Isabella Furnace No. 2, (20 feet) made 102 tons the other day. This is only three tons less than the best day's work of the famous Isabella No. 1, (18 feet).

Thomas Blair has made experiments with Fayette county honeycomb ore, in his steel process, which were quite satisfactory.

All the blast furnaces in New Castle are blowing except one.

One of the Steward Iron Company's furnaces, Shenon, blew in a short time ago, but their forge is still standing.

The New Castle iron works is running double turn. This mill is in excellent hands, who make the specialty of the best grade of sheet iron.

The casting house at Lemont furnace, Fayette county, has just been covered, Scaife's corrugated iron roofing being the material employed.

Spearman furnace No. 2, Sharpsville, which resumed blast about two weeks ago, is making Bessemer iron. No. 1 will blow in a week or ten days.

The Westerman iron works, Sharon, are in full operation—rolling mill, nail factory and blast furnaces.

At Middlesex, Mercer county, the rolling mill is running, but is not pressed with orders, and Fanny furnace was blown in about ten days ago, but the other three are out of blast, and have been for about a year.

Epping, Carpenter & Co., of this city, have been awarded the contract for two of their 10-inch Keystone steam pumps, for the Kittanning water works. These pumps are 10-inch water cylinder, 16-inch steam cylinder and 24-inch stroke, and weigh seven tons each.

Most of the important machinery, &c., of the Edgar Thomson Bessemer Steel Works has been tested this week, and fire put into one of the cupolas to dry it out, and the probability is the works will be set in motion next week, some orders having already been received.

One of the cast steel plows which the Pittsburgh Steel Casting Company are making for a California firm will be exhibited at the Mechanics Fair now in progress at San Francisco.

The Woodland and Hope Fire Brick Companies, of Woodland, Clearfield county, Pa., have been consolidated under the limited corporation act. They have completed the large order for the new steel works at Scranton, Pa., and in addition to their regular custom are filling the blast furnace they have built for the Pennsylvania Steel Company at Harrisburg.

The use of steel castings for agricultural purposes, machinery, wagon skeins, and bosses, &c., is one of the most important inventions for the past few years. Pittsburgh has taken the lead in bringing this branch of the steel trade to a successful issue. Within the past few months Mr. J. C. Bidwell, of the Pittsburgh Plow Works, has, under new patents, introduced new improvements in this line, and is now turning out many tons a week of plow points alone. One great advantage of the annealed castings is that they can be drawn under the hammer or cut with shears the same as rolled or hammered steel. This is especially a valuable feature in agricultural steels.

On October 1st a fast mail train will be put on the Pennsylvania Railroad to run from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. This train will be similar in character to that which is to be put on the New York Central on the 16th of September.

OUR FIRST EXPOSITION.

Its Success No Longer a Matter of Doubt—Work on the Immense Building Progressing Satisfactorily—Applications for Space Pouring in from Every Quarter—The Building to be Ready for the Reception of Machinery, &c., by the 15th of September.

We have stated heretofore and recently that the work on the Exposition Building was progressing in a manner altogether satisfactory to the management. A visit yesterday to Smoky Island, the site of the new structures, convinced the writer that nothing has been exaggerated in regard to the great project, and that it is destined to rival the Cincinnati Exposition, which, we believe, is conceded to be the model "show" of the country. The Building Committee have visited other cities and inspected their exposition buildings, and it has been their aim to avoid the faults and improve on the best features of the various magnificent structures which they have examined. As a result, our building will be superior in many respects to any in the country.

President Nellis will to-day issue blank applications for space to the merchants, manufacturers and others in the two cities. Plans of the building will also be ready for inspection, which will give all a chance to make selections to suit them, providing they come in time.

The committee charged with the duty of arranging and giving out space to exhibitors are quite active in their work, and are likely to be kept busy as long as there is any space not taken. Applications are coming in rapidly, and if our business men wish to secure good positions they should lose no time in coming forward and selecting the same. Numerous letters have been received from prominent manufacturers in the West and North asking for plenty of room, not only in the machinery, but in all the departments, and as only two weeks must elapse before the building will be ready for the reception of articles for exhibition, all who desire choice positions must see the necessity of hurrying up with their applications. The rule will be, "first come, first served."

The following are some of the conditions upon which applications will be accepted:

Steam power will be provided to operate machinery only when approved by the Executive Committee.

The managers will erect the main line of shafting, and provide the main line of water and gas pipes. All connections upon main shafting must be approved by the Department Committee, both as to size and method of fastening to shaft.

All intersecting and main shafting must be furnished by exhibitor. No connections will be permitted with the gas or water pipe, except by consent of the committee in charge of each department where such connection is to be made, and then only at the expense of the exhibitor, and upon his agreement to pay weekly in advance for such gas as he may consume. In event of any dispute the committee may order his connection with said gas to be severed. All connections with the water pipes are subject to the same rule.

If the exhibitor of an article be not its inventor or originator, but its manufacturer, the award of premium for the same shall be given to the exhibitor, unless claimed by the inventor or manufacturer before the public announcement of said award.

Timely notice will be given to exhibitors when awards are to take place in any given class. Exhibitors will have the privilege of selecting one Judge, and the Executive Committee the other, and in case the two cannot agree upon the relative merits in controversy, they shall select a third, and the award of a majority shall be final.

Exhibitors must not be present during the examination of their articles, except by consent or request of the Judges.

Apprentices during articles, or their own workmanship for competition, must give at the time of entry, a certificate from their employers, stating their age and the time they have served, or such articles shall be considered of merit by the committee of the department in which they properly belong, then the entrance fee for such shall be remitted, and the Exhibitor's Ticket issued.

No medicines, nostrums, or articles of that nature, of unknown ingredients, will be allowed a place in the exhibition. Spirit-gas, burning-fluids, benzine, ether, volatile hydro-carbons, fire-works, gunpowder, gun-cotton, nitro-glycerine, and all other explosive compounds, are peremptorily excluded. No petroleum will be exhibited, unless it will stand the test required by the State law, and then only in quantities not exceeding four ounces. The managers reserve the right to exclude any article they may deem objectionable at any time, before or after the opening of the exhibition.

Neither fires nor lights will be allowed, except on written consent of the General Superintendent.

All goods are at the risk of the exhibitor, and it is expressly understood that the Tradesmen's Industrial Institute, Board of Managers or any committee, officer or member thereof, is in no degree liable for any loss by fire, theft or damage of any kind whatever; but efficient watchmen or police will at all times be on duty.

The Board of Managers have perfected arrangements with all the prominent railway, steamboat and transportation companies to return freight free, all articles exhibited, the freight on which shall have been paid to Pittsburgh, provided the same shall not have changed ownership.

The Industrial Exposition will open the 15th of September for the reception of machinery and other goods.

The Exposition will be formally opened in the public hall, on the 7th day of October. It will be opened each secular day thereafter at nine A. M., and close at ten P. M., finally closing at ten P. M. Saturday, the 16th day of November.

The award of premiums on reapers and mowers exhibited at the Exposition of 1875, will be made and awarded at a field trial, to take place under the management of the Executive Committee, and under strict and impartial rules, of which due notice will be given of the time and place to all exhibitors.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Bankruptcy Cases—Bill in Equity—Trespass and Damages—Slander, Etc.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the United States District Court yesterday, Judge McCandless presiding, the following bankruptcy business was transacted:

L. D. Galligan, bankrupt; the assignee filed a list of property set apart to bankrupt as exempt.

A. Culbertson & Son, alleged bankrupts; publication of notice of composition meeting ordered.

Register Schaffer filed his memorandum of business transacted.

BILL IN EQUITY.

James H. Ball yesterday filed a bill in equity in the Court of Common Pleas No. 1 for partition of property, John M. Ball being the defendant in the case. Mr. Ball claims to be the half owner of a lot in the Second ward, Allegheny, and that he is unable to procure the defendant a just and equitable division thereof. He asks for the appointment of a master and that a partition be effected. These proceedings are brought by Mr. Ball's attorney, James W. Murray, Esq.

ACTION AGAINST THE SHERIFF.

An action for trespass and damages was instituted yesterday in the Court of Common Pleas No. 1 by the attorneys for Samuel Marx, acting for his wife, Fanny Marx. Mrs. Marx alleges that Sheriff Hare, or more particularly his deputy, Hugh Y. Boice, did unlawfully seize her personal property to the amount of $235. These goods, it is stated, were not Marx's, but his wife's; that they had been levied on by reason of a claim of one Bernstein upon Mr. Marx, and that the goods had been given complainant by her mother and that this seizure by the deputy had caused great inconvenience. Further, that these goods were seized while being transported to the depot, with a view to their removal to the complainant's home in Cincinnati, and that they were seized with great violence and force. Damages claimed in $1,000. Summons issued, returnable the first Monday in September.

ACTION FOR SLANDER.

In the Court of Common Pleas No. 1 yesterday, Wm. McCall, through his counsel, F. Kelly, Esq., applied for and received a *capias* in the case of Thomas Slator. The latter, it is alleged, had been instrumental in spreading certain malicious stories regarding the poisoning of some poultry by William, and other attempts "to bring the good name and credit of the affiant into public scandal, disgrace and infamy." Capias returnable third Monday in September.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Fifth Avenue Comedy Theater.

The attendance at this theatre is still large. The performances, embracing a full variety programme and a nice little Irish comedy with Mr. Ryan in the principal role, have left nothing to be wished for. The various actors are all accomplished in their various lines, and are sure of warm applause. To-night an entirely new bill will be given, suggestive of almost any amount of novelty.

Trimble's Varieties Theater.

Thus far, this week, business has been very good at this theater, the attendance being well above the "paying point." The performances have been first rate, and well appreciated by all present. This evening the programme will be changed throughout, Angie Schott and Cool Burgess introducing more of their specially interesting acts.

Academy of Music.

This house will be opened under the management of Mr. George M. Wallace on the 6th prox., with the Stevens-Carlotta dramatic and comedy company as the attraction.

The Public Mute School.

The Mute Public School will open on Monday, October 6th, at the Grant Sub-District School house, with Mr. James H. Logan as principal.

Professor Logan will bring both experience and learning in this peculiar branch of teaching. He is a graduate of the asylum for mutes in Washington City. Parents and guardians of mutes are invited to avail themselves of the privileges of this school.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS.

Extinguishing Fires by Carbonic Acid Gas.

The invention of Messrs. Connelly & Naylor, for extinguishing fires by the application of carbonic acid gas, has already been described in the columns of the COMMERCIAL. The fact that this gas will instantly extinguish flame, has been known for a century or more; and its practical application in the extinguishment (or rather prevention of) conflagrations, is not new. It is the same agent used by Babcock, in his portable extinguisher; but Messrs. Connelly & Naylor's patent consists in an entirely new method of applying the gas. They propose to construct an apparatus, stationary in its character, with pipe attachments, by means of which jets of gas can be instantly discharged wherever the pipes are placed. Take, for example, the oil refinery. Pipes may be adjusted so as to protect all the tanks, the stills, the barrel-house or wherever fire is likely to be suddenly developed. Manufacturing establishments of all kinds, hotels and private dwellings, may be protected in the same way. There is this additional advantage—that one apparatus may be used to protect several adjoining or contiguous establishments, the pipes being supplied from the same receiving tanks.

The patentees recently fitted up an apparatus, near the grounds of the gas works in the Thirty-sixth ward, South Side, where they conducted experimental tests, yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a number of citizens, including representatives of the press. In general terms, the machinery consists of a generator, where the gas is evolved; three receiving tanks, thirty inches in diameter by ten feet in length, and the connecting pipes. Some fifty feet distant was an excavation, twenty by thirty feet, partially filled with water, upon the surface of which was a "skim" of crude oil, to test the efficacy of the gas in extinguishing an "oil fire." A pipe about an inch and a half in diameter, and supplied with small jets every few inches, was extended along each side of this tank, a little above the surface of the water.

The first experiment consisted in lighting the crude oil, and letting it burn until the flame covered the entire surface. Immense volumes of black smoke rolled upward, the flames shot up ten or twelve feet into the air, and the heat was so intense as to drive the spectators back some fifty or sixty feet. At a signal from Dr. Connelly, when the fire was at its hottest, the engineer turned a valve, the carbonic acid rushed from the receivers, with a hissing noise, through the jets in the pipes, and in two or three seconds the flame was cut off as effectually as though a coating of ice had instantly formed on the surface of the oil. As soon as the gas struck the flame, it was changed to a white steam, which made a change contrast with the dense black smoke above it, as these two dissimilar vapors floated away and were gradually dissipated in the upper atmosphere. The second experiment was but a repetition of the first; and in both cases the extinguishment of the great volume of flame was as sudden and effectual as the snuffing out of a candle. A third experiment consisted in setting fire to a pile of shavings, kindling wood, oil barrels etc., rendered highly inflammable by the addition of crude oil. When the fire had taken a firm hold, and was rapidly consuming the woody fibre, the gas was turned on, and the fire went out. The wood continued to smoke for a few moments, but there was no fire. The experiments were highly successful, and Dr. Connelly was warmly congratulated on his achievement.

The pressure on the receiving tanks, at the first test, was—No. 1, 210 pounds; No. 2, 115 pounds; No. 3, 213 pounds. There was really not in use. On the second test, the pressure was 180 pounds on Nos. 1 and 3. These tanks or boilers, were made by Messrs. Carroll & Co., and are of the best steel, put together as straight as joints can be made.

Among the gentlemen present were Major William Frew and A. W. Gerhard, representing the oil interest; Jacob Henrici, of the Economy Society; Wm. Collingwood, insurance agent; R. G. Jones, of Carroll & Co., Messrs. Snowden, Meyers and Graff, of Beaver Falls, representing the file, shovel and ax works, respectively; and Mr. Reeves, of the same place; Mr. Christian, of the Government tow boat "E. A. Woodruff," now fitting out here, and many others.

We understand that an order has already been given for an apparatus, to be used jointly by the Beaver Falls Cutlery Works, the Pittsburgh Hinge Works, Abel & Fodder's Steel Works and the Beaver Falls Flouring Mills. The file, saw, ax and shovel works, at the same place, are also contemplating the introduction of an apparatus, and hence the interest manifested by the manufacturers at that place—where there are large sums invested in machinery, and no adequate protection from fire. All the visitors expressed themselves as fully satisfied with the results of the tests, and Messrs. Frew and Oxnard are of opinion that the apparatus can be successfully applied in the protection of oil tanks.

CRIMINAL MISCELLANY.

Matters at the Magistrates' Offices and Elsewhere.

Patrick Sands, James Sands and Patrick Burns had a hearing before Mayor Phillips yesterday on a charge of riotous conduct at Sands' tavern, Ninth ward, Allegheny. It appeared that they engaged in a free fight in the bar-room, when they put out the lights and outrageously beat several persons. Pat. Burns and Pat. Sands were each fined $10, and James Sands was required to "ante" $25.

Mary Boggs, an old offender, got drunk yesterday, and meeting a party of children on the street, she drew a pistol and fired at the crowd, hitting no one, however. Mayor Phillips sent her to the Workhouse for ninety days. He would probably have given her as many years if he could.

Constable McGoffin, of Allegheny, while in a saloon on Ohio street, Allegheny, Tuesday night, took charge of a man, who was upon by thieves, who deprived him of his watch and a small sum of money.

Jenny Pollard and Nancy Barr, the colored ladies who have been figuring in the police reports lately, in connection with abusing a horse, assaulting a man and other offenses, have prosecuted Wesley Tobias, Reuben Johnson, Adam Wilson, Elijah Hare, John Spencer, Isaac Brown, George Rone and others, all colored, for riot, alleging that the defendants attacked them at a picnic at Bingham's Run, causing the riotous manner. Alderman D. L. Smith has issued warrants for the arrest of the defendants. Wesley Tobias, in order to "get even," has caused information to be made McKelvy and charged Jenny Pollard with perjury, and she was arrested and held for a hearing.

Alderman Milliken had the following cases: Matilda Morgan, charged her husband, Christopher Morgan, with desertion. David Palmer sued Edward Timmony for assault and battery. The case was settled.

John A. Schroeder made an information before Alderman D. L. Smith, charging Alphons Weigand with the larceny by bailee of three watches, valued at $118. Schroeder is an auctioneer, and had business transactions with Weigand in the nature of selling certain goods belonging to the latter, who is a jeweler. At the close of the sale he left three watches, which he had in his possession to dispose of for other parties, with those that remained unsold of Weigand's stock, requesting the latter to sell them. He sold them and, as is alleged, failed to pay over the money. Held for a hearing.

Felix Rodgers was struck on the forehead with a brick, in general fight which occurred Tuesday evening in Brownstown. Officer McCormick charges the ring-leaders in the fight with disorderly conduct, before Deputy Mayor Christian, and they were held to bail for a hearing this morning. Rogers charges Daniel Derry with striking him with the brick, and he was held to bail for trial on the charge of aggravated assault and battery.

Yesterday morning, a lady in company with Mr. Harvey Bollman, had her pocket picked at the Postoffice. The thief secured twenty dollars.

A CASE OF ALLEGED PERJURY,

Which Involves the Question, Can a Clerk Make the Oath Required to Appeal From the Judgment of an Alderman Against His Employer?

A prosecution was instituted before Alderman Milliken yesterday which involves a question of considerable importance to judgment creditors. The question is, whether it is admissible for a clerk or agent to swear to an appeal in behalf of his employer, and whether, if, through his want of knowledge as to the alleged necessity of the appeal, it is found to be fraudulent, the said clerk or agent can be held for perjury.

The prosecution, to test this, and such other questions as may arise in the premises, is brought by D. K. McClure, of Abdiel McClure & Co., against F. A. Whitehead, a clerk employed by J. J. Howard, recently a grocer doing business on Sixth street. It is based on the fact that defendant swore to sundry appeals in suits in which judgment had been given against Mr. Howard, and that in thus doing he, as alleged, did in one of these commit perjury. As the information sets forth the allegations clearly, it is given here. It avers that the defendant "did willfully and corruptly commit perjury and corrupt perjury in a certain civil action pending before James Black, an Alderman of said city, wherein Abdiel McClure & Co. are plaintiffs and J. J. Howard defendant, in swearing upon oath, duly administered according to law, to a material inquiry in said action required by act of Assembly, viz: That the appeal from the judgment of the said last mentioned Alderman in said case was not for the purpose of delay, but that if the proceedings appealed from were not removed, the appellant would be required to pay more money than was justly due to the plaintiff in said action—which said allegation that the appeal was not taken for the purpose of delay, etc., is untrue and false and wilfully sworn to by said F. A. Whitehead."

The defendant was held to bail in $500 for trial at the September term of the Criminal Court.

ANOTHER CHARLEY ROSS CASE

The Return of Alexander Gibson, the Boy Who Lately Disappeared From His Home in Allegheny—His Account of His Abduction.

On Friday of last week Alexander Gibson, aged about nine years, son of a widow residing in Allegheny, disappeared from his home, and up to yesterday no tidings of his whereabouts had reached his anxious mother. The following letter written to the editor of the Greensburg *Argus*, from Salem township, Westmoreland county, throws light upon the matter:

"On Monday evening, the 23d inst., a boy came to the house of J. McQuilken, in Salem township, weeping bitterly, and when asked the reason for his strange conduct, said that he had been stolen in Allegheny city by a man on Friday, the 20th inst., who had persuaded him to assist in taking a basket down Federal street. After passing along side by side for some distance, the boy became tired of his strange friend and expressed a desire to return home, but was persuaded by the man to go with him yet a little further. The boy, in obedience to his request, continued the journey up the West Penn Railroad for some distance, when he became alarmed, and again wished to return, but was dragged along by the man, and threatened that if he would make any alarm he would be punished severely. The boy, fearing the punishment, submitted at once. They traveled along the railroad till they came to Salina station, where they left the railroad and came into the vicinity of Delmont. In the meantime, the boy becoming hungry, was sent into a house to get something to eat, and ordered to follow immediately; but, instead of so doing, took the opposite course and came to the above named place, where he was taken in and cared for. The man, finding that the boy was not following, went in search of him, but did not succeed in finding him. The heartless adductor was afterward seen passing through Bouquette about 3 P. M. He wore a conductor's cap, black suit of clothes, was about thirty-five years of age, and about five feet nine inches in height. The boy's mother, he says, is a widow, and resides on Federal street, Alleghany."

We learn that the boy returned home yesterday, some humane persons in Salem township having raised money to defray his expenses. It is to be regretted that the villain who abducted the child was not arrested.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

THE Executive Committee of the Humane Society met quarterly afternoon and transacted routine business.

THE Anti-treat Society will hold a regular meeting this afternoon, at half-past three o'clock, at No. 87 Wood street, second story.

HON. THOMAS J. BIGHAM, of this city, is at present engaged in writing a history of Pennsylvania. No one better qualified for the work could be found.

SUPERINTENDENT STREET, of the Humane Society, is turning his attention, in behalf of the general public, to those who offer diseased and damaged meat.

A. H. ECKER, Esq., of the Washington *Examiner*, arrived in the city last evening, with a party of six others, all bound for Niagara Falls, on the excursion train which leaves this morning.

THERE was an accident at the corner of Wood street and Fifth avenue, yesterday, at an excavation at that point. The bank caved in, and a laborer named James McDonough was injured severely.

THERE was a slight fire about three o'clock yesterday afternoon in the foundry of Robinson, Reay & Co., South Side, a shed near one of the stacks having been destroyed. The damage is trifling.

SEVERAL special committees of the Board of Fire Commissioners will meet at three o'clock this afternoon and at four o'clock the members will witness the trial, by the patentee, of a new extension ladder.

CONSTABLE HAYS, shot by Dave Hall on Saturday last, was out on the street yesterday. He looks somewhat the worse for wear, but his physician states that no disfiguration will follow the healing of the wound.

MR. WILLIAM E. RUSSELL, we are pleased to report, has been reappointed by the Governor County Solicitor of Forest for the ensuing two years. Mr. Russell has faithfully attended to his duties and his reappointment is well deserved.

COUNTY TREASURER KILGORE is still taking in taxes to the amount of about $1,500 per day, although no discount is now allowed. Those who have not yet paid their county taxes should remember that from and after the 1st of September ten per cent. is added.

CITIZENS of Pittsburgh who will attend M. J. O'Dwyer's lecture and musical entertainment in Shea's Music Hall, Mansfield, August 28th, on return of the excursion on the night of the entertainment by a train with extra coaches, which will pass Mansfield at nine o'clock P. M.

THE American Register, of Paris, notes the arrival there of the following named persons: Joseph B. Doyle, Robt. Orr, Prof. Reed, Prof. Wilson, of Allegheny, Dr. McCandless of Pittsburgh, Mr. Fergar J. and Mrs. Levy, of New York, Judge Kirkpatrick, of Pittsburgh, O. E. and Miss Nicols, of Erie, and J. N. Drummond, of Toledo.

THE funeral of Mr. George Hinchcliffe, late Superintendent of masonry, who died suddenly on Sunday, will take place this afternoon. The deceased was a member of Perry Lodge, A. Y. M., of Salem, Ohio, and by request of that lodge, McCandless Lodge, of this city, will conduct the ceremonies. The mechanical force of Exter Committee and employees of the mechanical department will attend in a body.

YESTERDAY morning a small boy had a narrow escape from death at the Federal street railroad crossing in Allegheny. The boy had jumped upon a freight train, and in crossing from Federal street was jostled from his seat and fell to the ground. He was seized by Mr. Lloyd, of the Allegheny *Mail*, and dragged from his perilous position. If it had not been for the prompt assistance rendered the boy would have been crushed to death.

THE following names of Pittsburghers are taken from the register at the Holdzkum House, Brigantine Beach. It includes all arrivals previous to the 20th inst.: A. S. Lindsay, J. R. Brown, W. J. Morrison, H. D. Renwick, John McCullough, Ross McCullough, Jos. Zimmerman and wife, Al. Hay, C. F. Bryan, Thos. Wightman, A. A. V. Holmes, Judge Wainwright, Henry G. Hale, John W. Herron, F. B. Nimick, A. G. Reinhart, Samuel W. Bailey, Mrs. C. Reinhart and child, Chas. Miller, Joseph Reed, Henry Fisher and wife, R. B. Carson, John F. Tobin, G. W. Schmidt and wife, Mrs. Wm. J. Friday, Robert Liddell and two children, J. Torley and children, Chas. W. Mills, Alex. Pitcairn, wife and children, John Pitcairn, Sr., and wife, Mrs. R. C. Lambert, Clara Lambert, Mrs. Barr and son, R. M. Kennedy, Miss Maud Kennedy, John Kennedy, Chas. P. Mellor, wife and child, Chas. Wakefield, R. C. Simpson and wife, James McClay, Wm. Wilson, Jr., S. Reed, wife and child, John Caldwell, wife and child, Wm. Witherow, J. S. Davidson, J. Harper Lockhart, A. L. Cameron, M. Rohrad, Jenny McBride and wife, Miss Minister, Wm. McFariane, Frederick Luty, Ellis C. Thorne, Charles C. Montooth, James Rinehart.

Instruction Books

for the piano, organ, violin, violoncello, cornet, clarionet, flute, fife, flageolet, guitar, accordeon, banjo and all other instruments, together with collections of music for the same, from fifty cents in price upwards, at Sheib's music store, Fifth avenue.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Many Who Are Suffering

from the effects of the warm weather and are debilitated, are advised by physicians to take moderate amounts of whisky two or three times during the day. In a little while those who adopt this advice frequently increase the number of drinks and become confirmed inebriates. A beverage which will not create thirst for intoxicating liquors, and which is intended especially for the benefit of debilitated persons, whether at home or abroad, is Dr. Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic. Containing the juices of many medicinal herbs, this preparation does not create an appetite for the intoxicating cup. The nourishing and the life-supporting properties of many valuable natural products are combined in it and well known to medical men have a most strengthening influence. A single bottle of the tonic will demonstrate its valuable qualities. For debility arising from sickness, over exertion or from any cause whatever, a wineglassful of Sea Weed Tonic taken after meals will strengthen the stomach and create an appetite for wholesome food. To all who are about leaving their homes, we desire to say that the excellent effects of Dr. Schenck's seaweed tonic, Sea Weed Tonic and Mandrake Pills, are particularly evident when taken by those who are unusually affected by a change of air and diet. No person should leave home without taking a supply of these safeguards along. For sale by all druggists.

Headache.

It is an established fact that the extract of cranberries and hemp combined by Dr. Miller, 27 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa., permanently cures the most obstinate cases of dyspeptic, nervous or sick headache, and is an absolute specific for neuralgia and blind headache. Prepared in pills. Fifty cents a box. Sent by mail. R. L. Sellers & Co., 45 Wood street, Pittsburgh. 7:tha

ADDITIONAL MARKETS.

COTTON.

Galveston.

GALVESTON, August 25.—Market steady; middling 13¾c; low middling 13c; good ordinary 12c. Net receipts 260 bales. Exports—Coastwise 82 bales. Sales 61 bales.

Mobile.

MOBILE, August 25.—Market quiet and nominal; middling 13½c; low middling 13¼@13⅜c. Net receipts 27 bales. Exports—Coastwise 5 bales Sales 25 bales.

Savannah.

SAVANNAH, August 25.—Market steady; middling 13¾c; low middling 13¼c; good ordinary 12¾c. Net receipts 20 bales. Sales 13 bales.

Charleston.

CHARLESTON, August 25.—Market quiet and easy; middling 13¾c; low middling 13¼c; good ordinary 12¾c. Net receipts 14 bales. Exports—Coastwise 102 bales. Sales 55 bales.

ADDITIONAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

VICKSBURG, August 25.—No boats down. Up—Lida F. Tolle. Weather clear and hot. River stationary.

NEW ORLEANS, August 25.—Departed—Charles Morgan, Galveston; Navahoe, Texas. Weather clear and warm.

CINCINNATI, August 25.—Arrived—Fannie Tatum, Pittsburgh; Alice, St. Louis. Departed—Fawn, Evansville; Fannie Tatum, St. Louis. River 15 feet and falling. Weather clear and pleasant.

ST. LOUIS, August 25.—Arrived—Clinton, Keokuk; City of Helena, Vicksburg; Mary Boyd and Lady Lee, Peoria; Bayard, Hannibal; Dugan, Jefferson City. Departed—Bayard, Hannibal; Mary Boyd and Lady Lee, Peoria; Grand Tower, Memphis; John A. Scudder, New Orleans. River fallen 5 inches. Weather clear and very warm.

LISTS OF LICENSES

AND

Transfers of Licenses

Granted by the County Treasurer, for the Quarter Ending August 1st, 1875.

WHOLESALE.

Fahnestock, B. L. & Co., Second ward, Pittsburgh.....$75
Greentree, Henry, Franklin avenue, Nineteenth ward, Pittsburgh, transfer from R. Strouss.....5
Gillig, M., No. 555 Penn avenue, Ninth ward, Pittsburgh.....75
Kaiser, J. C., 166 Wood street, Third ward, Pittsburgh, transfer from Kaiser & Clark.....5
Mellville, P., Forty-third street, Seventeenth ward, Pittsburgh.....75
Schwartz, H. P. & Co., 113 Federal street, First ward, Allegheny.....75
McGarvey, Jno., 433 Liberty street, Ninth ward, Pittsburgh, transfer from Gallagher & McGuire.....5
Sahl, C., 115 Twelfth street, Twenty-eighth ward, Pittsburgh, transfer from G. Engleking.....5
Wormser, E. & Son, 157 and 159 First avenue, Second ward, Pittsburgh, transfer from Wormser & Jonas.....5

RETAIL.

Alden, Harry, tavern, 92 Smithfield street, Third ward, Pittsburgh, transfer from J. B. Roberts.....$5
Ambacher, Wm. & Bro., tavern, 59 Federal street, Fourth ward, Allegheny.....46
Altvater, Gott., tavern, 87 Beaver avenue, Fifth ward, Allegheny.....46
Alstaff, Geo., tavern, 36 Market street, First ward, Pittsburgh.....42
Alard, Albert, tavern, Walnut street, First ward, McKeesport.....38
Auberger, Peter, tavern, 387 Beaver avenue, Sixth ward, Allegheny.....38
Anderson, Frank, tavern, 101 Water street, First ward, Pittsburgh.....38
Ashborn, August, tavern, Brownsville road, Baldwin township.....5
Bailey, C. P., tavern, Sixth and Penn streets, Fourth ward, Pittsburgh, transfer from J. N. Anderson.....5
Boyd, James, tavern, Butler plank road, Etna borough, transfer from P. Kearney.....5
Balker, J. J., tavern, Penn and Thirty-third streets, Sixteenth ward, Pittsburgh, transfer from L. C. Curtis.....5
Bowers, Rachel, tavern, 1111 Bingham street, Twenty-ninth ward, Pittsburgh, transfer from J. Beppendoerfer.....5
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